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CHURCHILL'S PLEA TO EUROPE

No Peace With Red "Asiatic" Imperialism

N.Z. Flier Due Next Week

Shanghai, Apr. 21.
Capt. Mansfield, New Zealand flier, who is planning a global flight, is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai on April 27 or 28, the British Consulate reported today.
Mansfield has not yet begun his record seeking flight due to a check of his plane's fuel tanks.
Hong Kong is the next scheduled stopping place from Shanghai.—United Press.

Fabulous Cargo In Wrecked Steamer

Peiping, Apr. 21.
The jade cargo in the Chinese ship "Wan Lee," which ran aground off Shanghai, consists of collections valued at US\$1,000,000, according to the consensus of leading Chinese and curio dealers here polled by the United Press.

The collection was being shipped from Peiping to Shanghai "out of harm's way" due to the growing Red military threat in North China.

The collections belong to the owner, Tseh Pao-chin, known as North China's biggest curio dealer.

It was not learned whether it had been insured. One dealer said the collection is worth at least 1,000 gold bars with the value close to US\$1,000,000.

The jewellery market in Peiping ran aground over the fate of the fabulous cargo. It is not known whether anyone aboard the ship was able to salvage the precious collection, whether it is now soaking in salt water in submerged parts of the ship, or if the Reds managed to get their hands on the cargo.

Meanwhile, there is still no definite word on the present situation of the passengers—the number of which is estimated from 400 to 1,000.

Relatives of some passengers in Shanghai said that at least 1,000 persons were on the ship while the owners insist that less than 500 (the legal limit) were on board. It was generally believed that the passengers at present are herded into Red-held towns on the coast.—United Press.

Labour Probes The "Nenni Incident"

London, Apr. 21.
The Labour Party today began its probe into the "Nenni incident" caused by a good wishes telegram from Labour Members of Parliament to Signor Pietro Nenni, Communist supported Socialist leader, on the eve of the Italian elections.

The Labour Executive Committee, of which the Deputy Premier, Mr. Herbert Morrison, and the National Chairman, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, are leading figures, met to study the written explanations which had been demanded from the group of between 30 and 40 members involved in the incident.

Mr. John Platts Mills, a Member of Parliament reputed leader of the group, was asked to attend the meeting alone.

Twenty of the group last night after a lengthy private discussion, decided to face the National Executive of the Party on a "sink or swim" basis, and to justify their action in one communication on behalf of all.

This communication was before the Committee. It argued that as the National annual conference of the Labour Party had not yet renounced association with the Nenni socialists, the group had not run counter to the party policy in sending the telegram.

The sub-committee was expected today only to investigate and subsequently to recommend action to the National Executive, which has power to expel members from the Party.

It is suggested that the Executive, if convinced of the necessity, will not hesitate to expel several leading figures, though no action on this line is thought unlikely.—Reuter.

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Italy Saved From Stalin

London, Apr. 21.
Mr. Winston Churchill called on Europe's people today to "unite together to preserve their freedom" and warned "there will never be settled peace in Europe while Asiatic imperialists and Communist domination rule over the whole of Central and Eastern Europe."

Addressing the annual rally of Conservative Women in London's Albert Hall, Mr. Churchill hailed the Communist defeat in the Italian elections as an "historic event" and said "Italy, liberated by the Allies from the Fascist dictatorship of Mussolini saved herself for the time being from the Bolshevik dictatorship of Stalin."

"Italy now regains her place in the ranks of the principal powers of Europe instead of being like so many unhappy countries made to live in a cage with a bear."

"I rejoice to see Italy resume her full contacts with Britain and the United States."

The war-weakened Czechoslovakia's situation and blamed it on "Quislings."

"We all have been deeply shocked and grieved at the fate of Czechoslovakia. Their lot, indeed, has been hard. No sooner were they freed from the tyranny of Hitler's gauleiters than they were dragged down into subjugation of Soviet Quislings."

"I hear people say of Soviet aggressions 'Thus far and no farther.'"

"The most not delude ourselves. In a stern voice reminiscent of his early invocations against Communism and later against Fascism, Mr. Churchill said:

"There will never be settled peace in Europe while Asiatic imperialists and Communist domination rule over the whole of Central and Eastern Europe."

"All Parties Rejoice"

Mr. Churchill, long an advocate of a United States of Europe, told 5,000 women Conservatives "when I last spoke in this famous hall a year ago it was in the cause of a United Europe. Today, men of all parties rejoice at the progress which has been made and the many ardent and powerful States rallied to the theme. Our own Government has adopted the policy. The United States have lent their all-powerful aid. We have had the Marshall Plan of aid to Europe and especially aid to Britain. Our Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, played an active and distinguished part."

"Britain, France and the countries of Western Europe have joined together in an association of mutual help which may soon become an organisation for common defence in which the might and authority of the United States will be a decisive factor."

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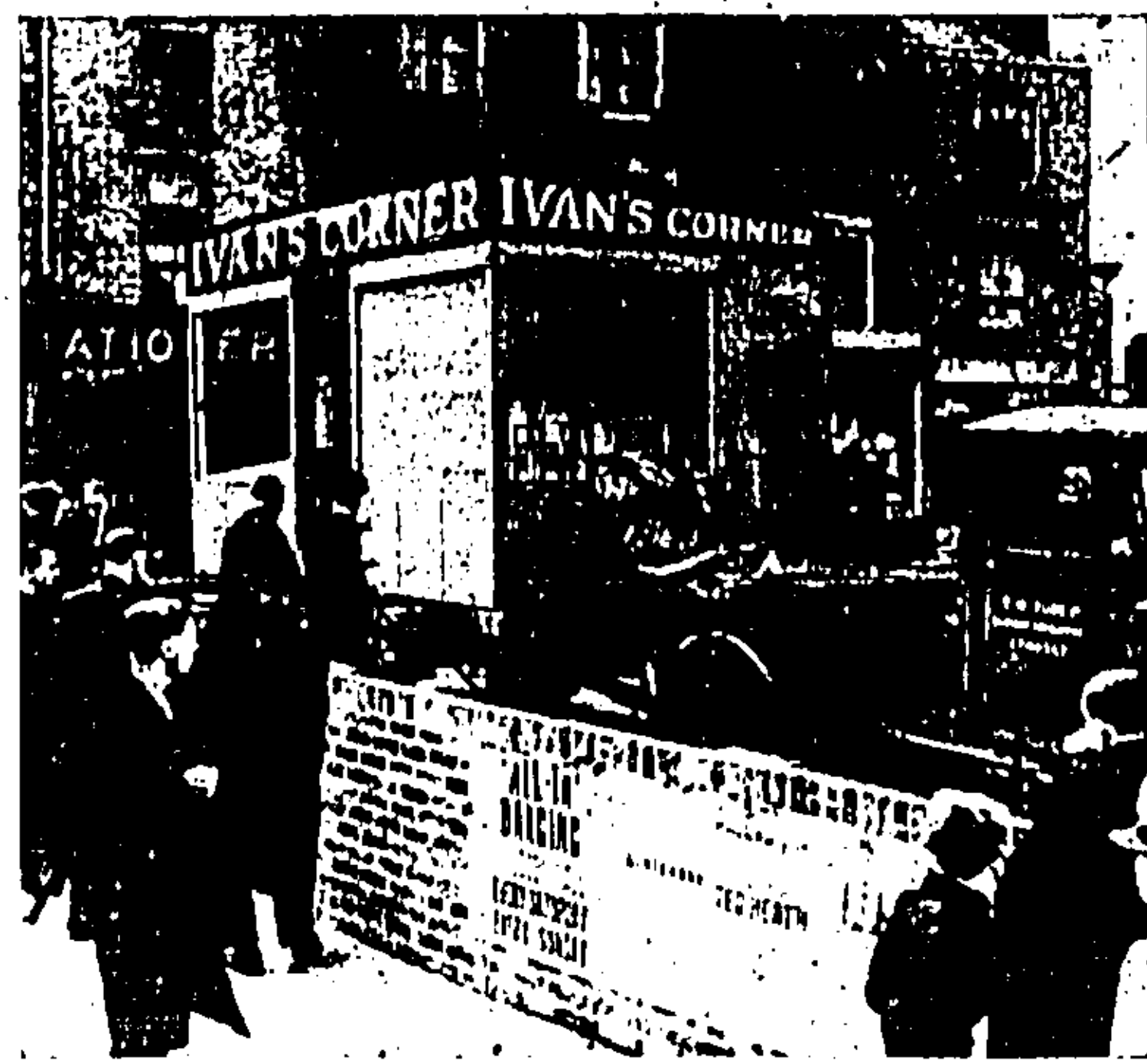
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Ivan Isaacs, young ex-Serviceman wanted a shop, but could not find one in the district he wanted to trade, so he found a site and bought a shop pre-fabricated, down to fittings and nameplate. This picture shows the shop arriving by lorry.

US Protests Red Kidnap Attempt

Vienne, Apr. 20.
Lt.-Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, U.S. Commissioner for Austria, today officially protested against the abortive Russian attempt to kidnap a Stateless woman from the American sector of the city yesterday.

An official announcement said General Keyes took the matter up by letter direct with the Soviet Commissioner, Col.-Gen. Vladimir Kourassov.

The announcement said General Keyes "strongly objected" to the kidnapping as a "directed violation of the Vienna inter-Allied area command agreement under which one occupying power may not make direct arrests in a sector of the city occupied by another power."

The announcement said General Keyes further noted that the three Soviet officers involved were carrying loaded guns in the American sector, which is another violation of four-power agreements.

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CHINA URGES 50-YEAR CONTROL OF JAPAN

Nanking, Apr. 21.
Demand that Allied control of Japan be extended over a period of 50 years and Allied occupation forces be stationed in strategic centres to ensure complete and unreserved implementation of all peace treaty provisions was made in a resolution adopted by the National Assembly this morning.

The resolution proposed that the veto power should be retained by all big four allied powers writing the Japanese peace treaty and that the peace conference be held within Chinese territory.

Stating that China suffered losses amounting to more than thirty thousand million United States dollars and casualties "which remain difficult to estimate", the proposal said in the preamble to the peace treaty, mention should be made of the fact that China had made greater sacrifices and contributions towards victory over Japan than the other Allies, and that Japan's war of aggression began with the Mukden incident in 1931 and not the Pearl Harbour attack ten years later.

As regards territorial settlement, the proposal said that Japan should be allowed to retain sovereignty over only four main islands, namely, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and Hokkaido. The question concerning the Ryukyu Islands, it said, should be settled on "a reasonable basis, taking into consideration China's historical connections with the islands and Chinese national defence needs."

As to reparations, it said that China, with its longest period of fighting Japan's aggression should be entitled "to at least more than 50% of the total allotment."

China should insist on a policy of "taking the hen instead of eggs" and therefore should seek the procurement of Japan's productive factories, the resolution declared.

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Deserter Escapes Hangman

London, Apr. 20.
Donald George Thomas, 22, was sentenced today to hang for murdering an unarmed London policeman, but probably will escape the noose.

Thomas, convicted by a jury of 11 men and one woman, was the first person sentenced to death since the House of Commons voted last week to abolish the death penalty for murder for an experimental five year period.

The change in the law has not yet come into effect, but Home Secretary Cuthbert Ede has announced that he will commute death sentences until it does.

Under the present law, death is a mandatory sentence for murder. Sir Malcolm Kilberry, the judge, did not wear the traditional black cap in passing the sentence.

Thomas, an Army deserter, was accused of killing Police Constable Nathaniel Edgar last February 13. The policeman had stopped Thomas for questioning. When finally arrested, Thomas possessed a Luger automatic pistol which he told the court he carried to impress his friends.

He said he pulled the pistol to scare the constable and the gun was fired three times after the policeman grabbed his barrel.—Associated Press.

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TRUNCHEONS TO GO

London, Apr. 20.
Britain's War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told Parliament today that he has ordered rubber truncheons to be taken away from British soldiers serving in Germany.

Replying to a question from Mr. Commander R. R. Millington, Labour, Shinwell said truncheons "are not an authorised issue, but some were issued to the 21st Army Group before the end of the war and some may be in use but I have given instructions for them to be withdrawn."

Millington had asked whether truncheons were normal equipment for use by interrogating officers.—Associated Press.

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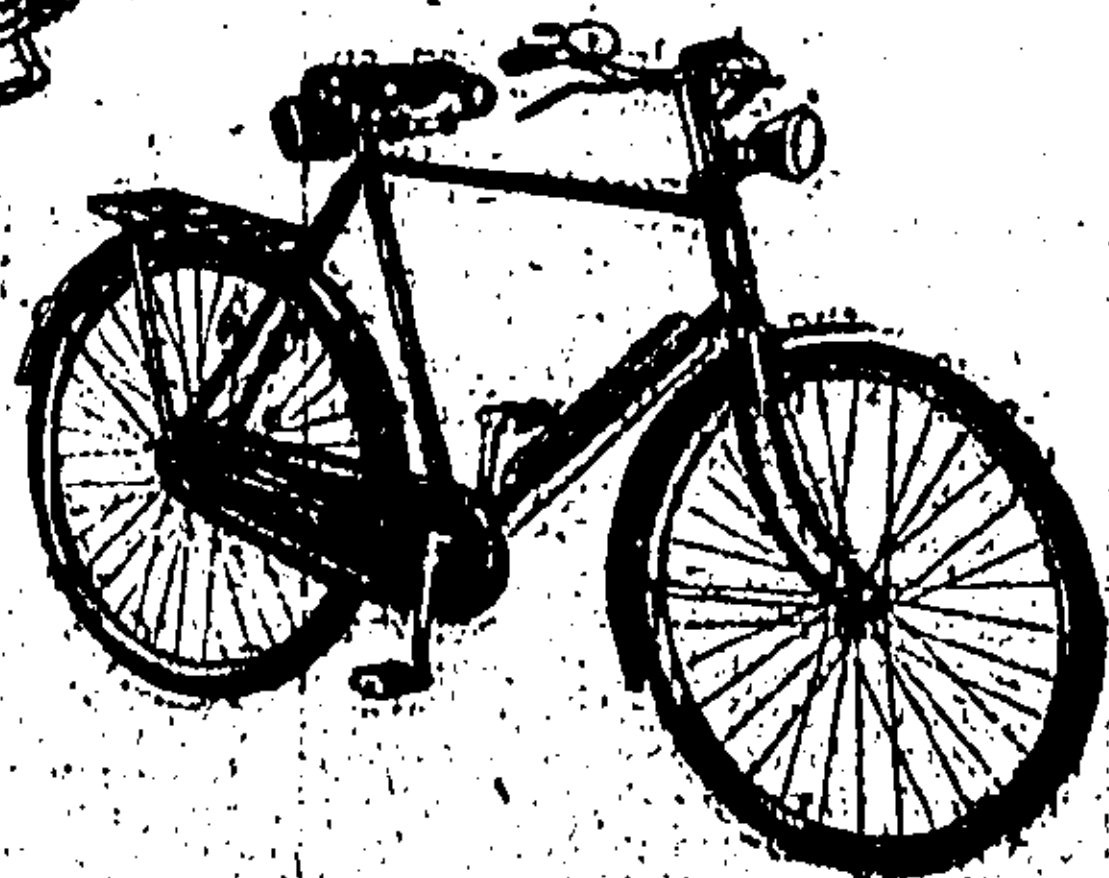
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"It is a source of great pleasure to me to be able to refer to the Profit and Loss Account for the period under review and to point out that it shows a net profit of \$102,906.79 after making full provisions for depreciation, Directors' fees and corporation profits tax," said the Chairman, Major S. M. Churn, at the 13th Ordinary Yearly meeting of the Vibro Piling Co., Ltd., yesterday.

Directors present were Major S. M. Churn (Chairman), Mr. J. J. Basto, Sir Robert Kotewall and Mr. F. E. d'Almeida Remedios (Secretary).

Addressing the shareholders Major Churn said:

"The glowing result of the period renders unnecessary any lengthy explanations for the very considerable sum of \$225,775.23 which has been expended on plant and machinery, beyond re-

marking that without the expert knowledge of our Technical Manager, Mr. Blackmore, it is very questionable whether we would ever have been able to put together the bits of plant and equipment which we recovered on the re-occupation of the Colony, into two first-class working units with very many more useful years of life before them. The rehabilitated plant, as well as the new one which was imported towards the end of last year, have all been engaged in piling work almost unrelentingly. If we can continue to obtain work at the rate we are doing just now, another excellent showing at the end of this year seems assured.

"Our investment in first mortgage in the sum of \$25,000 has since been re-paid, and of the amount of sundry debtors shown at \$70,100.66 only \$17,150 remains outstanding in the nature of retention monies on completed contracts.

"Your Directors have considered the question of increasing the capital of the Company to such an extent as to enable operations to be carried out without having to resort immediately to overdraft facilities which the Company enjoys with its bankers. The Board will soon offer to shareholders one new share at par for every four shares held after taking into account the issue of the bonus shares. The offer forms will be circulated to shareholders in due course.

Personalia

CPA passengers from Hong Kong to Sydney were: Mr. G. A. Ably, Mrs. J. G. Smith, Mr. C. M. Morrison, Miss Yvonne Jellinek, Mr. Yuen Win, Master R. Smith, Mrs. C. M. Morrison, Mrs. M. B. Brook, Mr. H. Jellinek, Mr. H. G. Bell, Capt. R. A. Smith, Miss R. Smith, Miss E. M. Morrison, Dr. Helens Tausova, Mrs. I. Jellinek, Mr. Gordon Lin.

CPA passengers from Manila to Sydney were: Mr. H. A. de Kuntzow and Mrs. L. M. de Kuntzow and from Manila to Hong Kong on Tuesday: Mr. So Kia Sy, Mr. Go Tiam-son, Mr. Ngan Woo, Mr. Dee Yap, Mr. Lim Chay, Mr. Lins Tsai-lin, Mr. Ong Tian-long, Mr. Samuel Dee, Mr. Ty Kim-plan, Mr. Yu Chiao-keng, Mr. Cua Lim, Mr. Yee Chat-fee.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Gerald Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. S. Villaneuva, Gregorio F. Curameng, Mr. and Mrs. John Urquhart, Mr. and Mrs. John Penbody Palmer, Norman Atkin, E. C. Burton, A. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Buck, Miss Margaret Callagher, Miss Mary J. Carter, Miss Irene Ehrlich, Miss J. Vazzana, Miss M. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Jose C. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morrison, and Lt. Charles Immler.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Brigadier L. B. Keiser, Lt. Col. K. Lindner, Mrs. H. M. Miss M. Whitmore, A. E. Houseman, Wm. Hetherington, Miss Anna Khoo, J. Melby, E. C. Sever, E. C. Comtesse, F. Mansfield, Wm. McRae and Miss W. W. Anderson.

Mr. Giles C. Stedman, Vice-President United States Lines Co., is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong by air on Saturday from Manila.

Mr. Stedman is completing an extensive tour of United States Lines Far East Division offices, and recently accompanied Mr. Stephen Bechtel, a member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Far East Line, through Japan, China and the Philippines. The United States Lines are General Agents in the Orient for the Pacific Far East Line, who operate approximately 40 refrigerated and dry cargo vessels in the Trans-Pacific service.

Mr. Stedman is expected to depart for Shanghai on April 25.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Sydney Montagu Carlisle, Customs official, to Miss Doris Harper, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, has been announced.

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Proposals

Major Churn proposed that—

(a) That a dividend of 50 cents per share absorbing \$10,150 be paid.

(b) That a bonus of \$3.00 per share on the 32,300 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared; and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 32,300 ordinary shares of the Company, Nos. 32,301 to 64,600 (inclusive) credited as fully paid-up amongst the persons who on April 21, 1948 were registered as holders of the 32,300 shares of the Company at the rate of one share for every one share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus as aforesaid, and that such shares shall rank for dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

(c) That there be carried forward to a new Profit & Loss Account the sum of \$9,705.28.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. D. S. Page and was carried unanimously.

Sir Robert Kotewall was re-elected a Director on the motion of Mr. F. E. d'Almeida Remedios seconded by Mr. E. W. Blackmore, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the motion of Mr. E. J. M. Churn seconded by Mr. Lam Shu Chuen.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. E. W. Blackmore, H. D. S. Page, E. J. M. Churn and Lam Shu Chuen.

ORGAN RECITAL TONIGHT

A Hammond Organ recital will take place at the Baptist Church in Canton Road at 8 p.m. today, when music lovers will have an opportunity to appreciate the instrument's intrinsic merits and its imitative powers.

The organ will be open for inspection and demonstration after the recital. The organist will be Mr. Donald Fraser, who will play music by Walton, Widor, Debussy, Liszt, and others.

Arrested by Police L/C 1269 and P/C 1173, at 2.45 a.m. on April 17 at Chatham Road, Wong Chong (23), unemployed, was sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended for deportation when he was caught on the charge of breaking into the pump-house at 11, Chatham Road last November. He was also charged with breaking into the pump-house at 11, Chatham Road last November. He was also charged with breaking into the pump-house at 11, Chatham Road last November.

"Little Stalingrad"

Milan, Apr. 20.
The workers' district of Sesto San Giovanni has long been known as "Little Stalingrad" and just before the elections the Communist Party issued a leaflet inviting its members to 20,000 persons there.

Final voting results showed a landslide victory for the Communists. The Communists got only 14,000 in the election.

United Press.

Threatened Her With Chopper

When Chan Ng-nui refused to go out to work to help towards the house expenses, her husband, Cheung Pun-shun (29) got hold of a chopper and threatened her with it. A struggle ensued in the course of which Chan received a cut on the wrist.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday with unlawful wounding on April 6, Cheung was fined \$25 and bound over in the sum of \$150 for a year. SI Howarth prosecuted.

Unlicensed Wirelenses Seized

Another two unlicensed wirelenses were seized, and three men taken into custody, by the Telecommunication Department and Police authorities at Kowloon during the first two days of this week.

Accompanied by a party of Police, Mr. Grew raided 373 Nathan Road, second floor, and took into custody Lau Ching-ching (28), described as a telephone and wireless operator, and seized a radio communication set.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Lattimer yesterday with operating a wireless station and possession of the set on April 19, Leung was on the application of Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, remanded for three days with bail fixed at \$10,000.

Lam Kwong (37) of First Street, was charged before the same Magistrate with possession of a wireless set at 6 Tak Hing Street, 1st floor, on April 20, and Ho Yiu-tung (40) with permitting the set to be on his premises. The raid was conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, accused were remanded for 48 hours with bail fixed at \$5,000 each.

TRESPASSER REMANDED

When Man Shu (19) and Ho Tak-son (19) appeared before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with trespassing on the K.C.R. tracks at Boundary Street on April 20, committing a negligent act, and possession of unlicensed meat, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth asked for a 24 hours' remand as it was found that the meat was definitely unfit for human consumption.

Defendants were remanded in custody.

JAP. EXHIBIT IN H.K. DENIED

A news agency report from Tokyo that a Japanese Products Exhibition will be held in the Colony in May was officially described as "completely unfounded" yesterday.

The report said that the Hong Kong Economic Council had agreed to the exhibition and that exhibits to be exhibited will include machinery, parts, sewing machines and spinning machinery.

PETROL CONFISCATED

Cheng Yee-chong, of Kowloon, Canning Co. Ltd., 2812 Wing Hong Street, was fined \$50 by Mr. W. H. Lattimer on the summary of finding 22 gallons of petrol, seized on March 19 without a permit. The gasoline was ordered to be confiscated.

Parting Gifts For Mr. Wylie

Mr. B. Wylie, retiring manager of the "South China Morning Post" was yesterday the recipient of a silver tray inscribed with the signatures of twenty members of the Kowloon Residents' Association committee.

Representing the Association were Messrs. Leo d'Almeida E. Castro, Father Quatelli, Fred Mow Fung, R. Peterson and J. Moodie.

In making the presentation the association chairman, Mr. F. C. Cleme, said it was an occasion of extreme pleasure, not untinged with sorrow at the departure of such a good friend.

"Mr. Wylie was of founder member of our association and the confidence and trust reposed in him was exemplified by the mere fact that he was elected president no fewer than five times."

"In June 1946 the Association was reconstituted and Hon. Leo d'Almeida K.C. was its chief. At this meeting, Mr. Wylie, although absent from the Colony, was unanimously elected president as being the man most fitted to undertake this difficult office under post-war conditions. This act speaks for itself and shows the high esteem in which our colleague is held."

Mr. Wylie thanked all present and the association for their kind remembrance.

Following this presentation, the Committee of the St. Andrew's Society headed by Mr. J. F. MacGregor (Chairman) made another presentation in the form of a "Quail" and an eight day clock. The Chairman said that it gave him no greater pleasure to make the presentation to one whom they would miss very much by his forthcoming departure and wished him on behalf of the Society, long life to enjoy his well earned rest and happiness for very many years to come.

Mr. Wylie, in reply related an instance concerning the "Quail" which was acclaimed with laughter from all present.

Representing the St. Andrew's Society were Messrs. J. F. MacGregor, Dr. J. Anderson, J. A. Morrison, A. S. Mackiehan, J. Finnie, R. D. Gillespie, D. J. Gilmore and R. Robb.

LCC Exam Results

The following candidates were successful in the London Chamber of Commerce Examination in Book-Keeping (Elementary), held in Hong Kong, Autumn 1947.

Pastor with Distinction: Agnifur, B. Au Kwong Men, Henry, Chan Bun Yin, Chan Man Sun, Chang Man Yu, Cheng Chit Ting, Chiu Wan Yu, Chong H. Peter, Chung Sui On, Ho Ping Kwang, Hui Man Kai, Jay Ada, Kan Chung Yuen, Kwok W.W., Norma, Kwong Chin Man, Li Yuk Fan, Pang Yik Chuen, Tam Yan Kwong, Tang Igene Tsau Tsor Yan, Tse Woon Tai, Tsui Shu Hung, Wong Chi Kin, Yeung Wai Lung.

VOCAL RECITAL

A Vocal Recital to be given by Miss Judy Chen (Soprano) & Mr. Kai Chen (Baritone) on Saturday evening, April 24, at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Tickets can be obtained at the Reception Desk, Hong Kong Hotel.

Reminders

Today

Talk on "Folkways Germany" by Maj.-Gen. G. W. E. Erskine, at Helena Mary Institute, 5.30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Association, talk on "The English Martyrs" by Rev. Fr. J. McCarthy, Catholic Club, Kings Bldg., 6.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Inter-Services Boxing Tournament, China Fleet Club Theatre, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Annual Inspection by Governor of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, South China A.A. ground, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Dedication of Hammond Organ, Caine Road, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hong Kong Light Orchestra concert, European YMCA, Tai Po, Rural Orphanage "At Home", 2.00 p.m.

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(Condensed from Your Life)

Also in Reader's Digest

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(Condensed from The American Mercury)

Laughter: the best medicine. "Young man," said the father severely, "do you think you should be taking my daughter to night clubs all the time?" "Indeed not," the boy answered, then added hopefully, "I'd try to reason with her." Here are ten good laughs.

14-page condensation from "22 Walked Away." 12 Americans—including 4 women, a little girl—recently crashed on a glacier high in the Swiss Alps. Radio dead, 30° below, only food was a few candy bars; roaring avalanches of snow threatened them. Remarkable tale of heroism, endurance, stirring rescue.

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Letters From Readers

H. G. W. Woodhead
Replies

Sir,—I had intended to allow "Simple Simon" to continue hunting whales and seeking plums on thistles, but I really cannot allow his attempt to import a legal dictum into the controversy to pass unchallenged. The Devil is said to cite Scripture for his purpose, so I suppose we must expect a similitude to ensue. But surely your readers are not so glib as to swallow this nonsense. In reply to an allegation by a correspondent that "Simple Simon" asserted that "Mr. Woodhead tacitly approves of brothels, opium dens, and gambling saloons, and further approves of corruption, profiteering and oppression," he rejoins that his insult is based on a legal maxim that

"When the circumstances are such that a reply is naturally or reasonably expected, a person's silence in the face of a charge or assertion will amount to an admission." An admission of what? No charge that I am responsible for brothels, opium dens, gambling saloons, corruption, profiteering and oppression has ever been made or could be made against me. It would be as logical, therefore, to suggest that if "Simple Simon" alleged that our beloved Monarch was a diplomate, or Mr. Attlee was a drug fiend, or Sir Stafford Cripps was an embezzler, I should be guilty of an "admission" if I did not reply. What preposterous nonsense!

Finally, "Simple Simon" has stated that "at no time" has he indicated "free education for all children" or that "the Colony might undertake to provide old age pensions and other benefits to all who come here." *Lit'ra scripta manet.* "I came, Mr. Woodhead, from a country where people do not merely pay lip service to democracy, but practise it. In that great land every man is black or white, is paid union wages, and works' union hours, education is compulsory and free, old age pensions and other benefits are paid to its citizens irrespective as to race, colour or creed, and the poor man, as well as the rich, has a voice in the management of his country's affairs. These are some of the privileges, Mr. Woodhead, we do not enjoy here because this Colony is primarily run for the benefit of the privileged."

There is no part of the British Empire, or so far as I know, of the world, where unrestricted Asiatic immigration is permitted, and the immigrants immediately receive free and compulsory education, old age pensions and other benefits, and the rights to a voice in the management of that country's affairs. I only make this assertion for fear that I may be charged with tacitly admitting that such a Utopia exists. Let "Simple Simon" cite the immigration and naturalization laws of the "great land" from which he says he came 25 years ago. Otherwise his comparison of conditions there with those in Hong Kong is a gratuitous insult to his readers' intelligence.

H.G.W. WOODHEAD.

Enlarges Statement

Sir,—"Simple Simon" does not agree with me that the Chinese population of Hong Kong is probably happier, healthier and more secure than most people in the world today; I wish to enlarge upon my statement. It cannot seriously be argued that they are worse off than the populations of China proper, or of India or of Pakistan, or of the Netherlands East Indies, or of the majority of countries in the Middle East, or indeed of Germany; I maintain, though everyone might not agree with me that they are happier, more free and probably more secure than the vast majority of people in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R.

"Simple Simon" thinks it irrelevant to compare conditions in Hong Kong with conditions in the rest of the world. "The Boon Fide Hong Kong citizen" is interested in his own country. That is somewhat natural, but it is only fair to say that the colonization of Hong Kong by the British brought very considerable benefits to the Chinese who are living and who have lived there during the last hundred years.

"Simple Simon" steers well clear of direct comparison between Hong Kong and any comparable place, because Hong Kong would stand up to comparison so well. However, I still maintain that the line of argument is based on a comparison between Hong Kong and places possessing a predominantly European population. For instance, referring to his so-called points in issue, life for a coolie labourer in Hong Kong may be hard compared with an American or Swiss worker, but it is certainly far less hard than life for most of the other coolies in the world.

The standards of housing, Education and Health are by no means perfect, but the government has succeeded in raising them far above the standards prevalent in most of Asia. As far as housing is concerned, during the war and shortly after the war, there was great destruction, but this was scarcely the fault of the government. "Simple Simon" defends the statement that life in Hong Kong is cheap and easy for the privileged foreigner and upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers. This statement justifies the vague inaccuracies that one hears so often from the left these days. Life may be easy in that the "privileged" live in an environment of bodily comfort, but otherwise life may be very complex, and surrounded by all manner of worries and responsibilities. Life is certainly not cheap for the "privileged" Europeans or upper crust of Chinese, especially if one considers the cost of a large Chinese dinner.

I note with some amusement that "Simple Simon" can only find two minor mistakes in the "Picture Post" article: one only has to read the article, or Mr. Woodhead's criticism of it, to see that it abounds with inaccuracies, and misleading observations; one can well understand that "Simple Simon" does not think it a dangerous and subversive article for it is exactly how he would like the outside world to imagine Hong Kong. A.D.R.

"Babbling Brook"

Sir,—Given a little feeding, "Simple Simon" will like babbling brook ramble on forever.

It is obvious that he suffers from a convenient short memory, inasmuch that he has previously having said that the average European and American who comes to Hong Kong is dumb and inefficient. I propose to throw his own statements back in his teeth, and in his own words.

In your issue of April 12, "Is Mr. Woodhead not aware of the

fact that the average European or American who comes to Hong Kong, dumb though he may be, automatically drops into a position of authority etc. etc."

In your issue of April 14, "The fact remains, however, that there are by far too many Europeans and Americans in Hong Kong who are definitely inefficient and who can hardly write their own name of write a decent letter."

In the writing of my name I must admit that it has on many occasions been compared to the tracings of a temperature chart, but that does not indicate that I am dumb or inefficient.

JOHN T. MARSH.

700,000 Coolies

Sir,—Why so much print on such a simple matter. Mr. Woodhead with his usual temerity has dared to suggest that a statement in the Picture Post is not strictly correct. Mr. Simple Simon says Blockhead, Journalist and UTOPIA—the latter referring to his native country which I gather is either Russia or New Zealand. He or his friends rather resent the intrusion of Mr. Blood & Guts as they would like to call him if it was not for fear of the editor's blue pencil. I gather these digressions are correct forms.

To get back to the facts, Mr. Bristol says there are 700,000 coolies in the Colony, in addition to 6,000 European and American businessmen, and with a few officials thrown in, and an upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers as a sort of make-weight.

Mr. Woodhead suffers from a lack of my advantages. My sister-in-law's brother-in-law-in-law went to the London School of Economics.

I gather Simple Simon accepts Mr. Bristol's 700,000 as correct provided the usual allowance is made for minor errors. Every one knows Simple Simon is correct; it's merely Mr. Woodhead's intransigence which prevents him accepting his error. He absolutely refuses to go and count the coolies for himself. Not merely this he refuses to do a little arithmetic. It's all so simple if you adopt the methods of the Economists of the London School.

700,000: allow 10% one way or the other for errors—say 600,000. We know there are more men than women in the Colony, that is easy to see or hear. Say another 600,000 after making the usual allowances. By the bye, there are no alimony hunters here, say then 550,000 for safety.

Total coolies and women, so far, 1,150,000.

Children—well it's safe to allow an average of one child for each coolie and each woman, even after making all possible allowances. Total coolies, women and children and we get the satisfactory result of 2,300,000 women, coolies and children in the Colony.

With a little adjustment for the fact that the actual population of the Colony (any school of Economists will do for this and there you are). From these figures which cannot be questioned by any one no matter how simple minded, it is quite clear that there is no profit motive in the Colony; Mr. Woodhead, Blood & Guts, and financiers, Journalists, upper crust, Lawyers and similar pests are merely the vain imagination of an overheated brain.

Q. E. D.

India's Homeless

Sir,—I do not know whether Mr. Marsh is an Englishman or not. If he is, the more shame to him for talking of India's homeless destitutes. Mr. Marsh apparently is one of those who cannot see beyond their noses.

Mr. Marsh's memory is, it seems to me, very short. It's after all, not even a year that Britain gave up ruling India, that fairest jewel in her Crown. Mr. Marsh would have done well to wait a longer of scorn at India, for in doing so now, he has done a great disservice not to India but to her past rulers of yesterday, who drained the country of its millions annually and left it one of homeless beggars that he describes apparently with a glint of pride in his eye which seems to be afflicted with a degree of strabismus. England, too, with all her wealth and Empire has had her slums and parks, and streets of unpleasant associations where hot, throbbing human flesh can be bought and sold for a pittance.

Come, my friend, speak not in terms of Races, but of Humanity.

Fishery Dept. Officials Jailed For Bribery

Four officials of the Fishery Department were sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central Magistracy yesterday when the month-long "Fishery Case" abruptly reached its climax after Senior Superintendent F. W. Shaffain, O.B.E., accepted their pleas of guilty.

Fish Inspector Chan Kun-kau, 32, represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios), was sentenced to two years on charges of conspiring with others, between Jan. 3 and 21, to permit the illegal sale of marine fish at Central Market, of accepting \$1,180 from Lau To and \$80 from To Tai.

Kwok Muk-hoi, 39, second defendant, was similarly dealt with for the same charge of conspiracy and accepting an \$80 bribe.

Lee Kai-wan, 24, and Tso Wai-hin, 25, were each sentenced to six months on the conspiracy charge.

The three were represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Mr. Shaffain, prosecuting, accepted the pleas of not guilty by the defendants to two other counts of conspiracy to obtain money to permit the landing and sale of fresh marine fish.

Mr. Clifford in his judgment said: "One of the most unpleasant duties a Magistrate can have is to sentence people who have up to this time such good references as to character."

Position Of Trust "But after having heard so many days of evidence, I cannot help seeing the extent and damage of this conspiracy, seeing that all of the defendants were in a position of trust upon which the whole Fishery Scheme depended. Their sole pay and duty were to enforce that scheme but in fact they did the opposite."

"Both the first and second defendants were the ring leaders in this conspiracy and I think they are lucky that I evidence came up summarily and not on indictment."

"I think the third and fourth defendants came in later on this scheme but I think they agreed to it and fitted into the scheme without any trouble at all with full knowledge."

"I do agree with Mr. Shaffain that corruption in this Colony is rife everywhere and it is up to the Court, when such corruption is exposed, to make it quite clear that anyone who does so is running a colossal risk and if they do get caught they will not be let off."

"I sentence the first and second defendants to the maximum of two years, and I think they deserve more."

"I had a mind to sentence the other two to nine months but because of their excellent characters I now give them six months each."

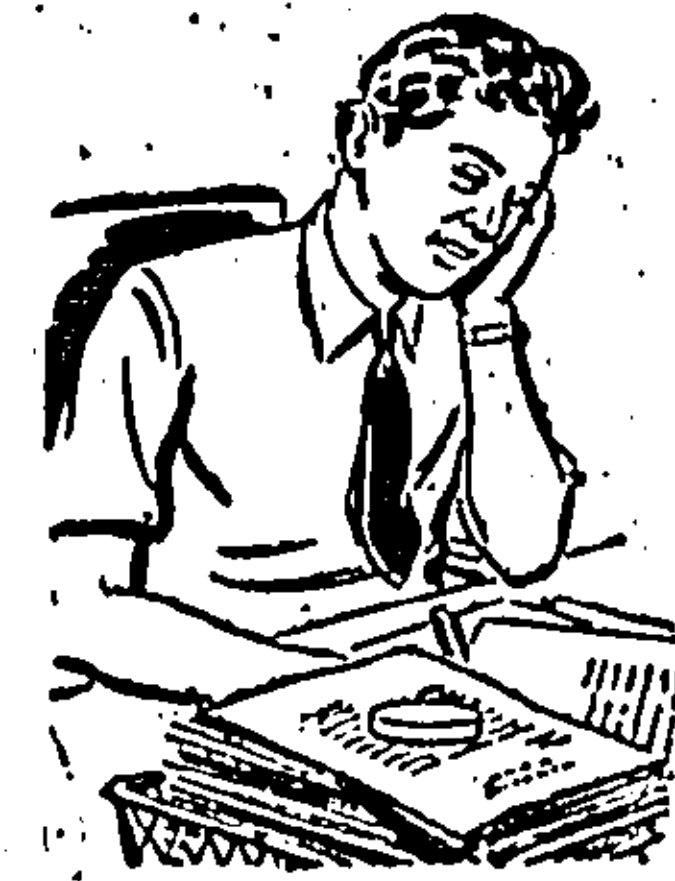
Before leaving the Court, Mr. Clifford commended the Police. "I would also like to mention how very much I think of the Police work in this case. Obviously, it involved very, very many hours. Particularly Det-Inspector Johnston must be congratulated on everything he has done in this case."

Decent Workers

Mr. Bernacchi in his mitigation plea pointed out that the defendants were not paid the salaries for the responsibility that they had to undertake. They were well large as Life itself, for God was not partial to one race when distributing "grey matter" to His masterpiece—Man. After all, the British used to cover their bodies with wood while Indians wore silk and muslin and lived in palaces that were the envy of the White Race. Ever read History? The brains that created those palaces and wrought the fine silks and muslin are still there; they await another opportunity. Be generous, Mr. Marsh, and patient; we are passing through the most crucial phase in human history. It cannot for ever be the unadmitted Capitalism that was, for it has been weighed and found wanting. Something nobler, something more humane must be sought for the benefit of humanity at large and not for that of only 5% of the human race, if the world is to have peace and real progress.

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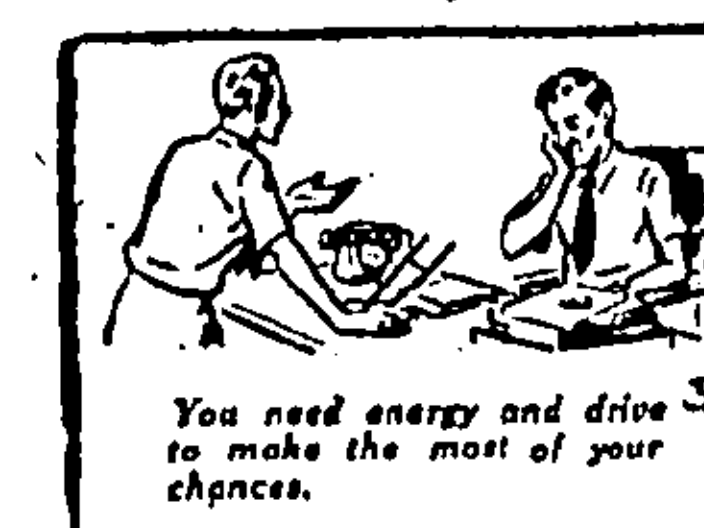
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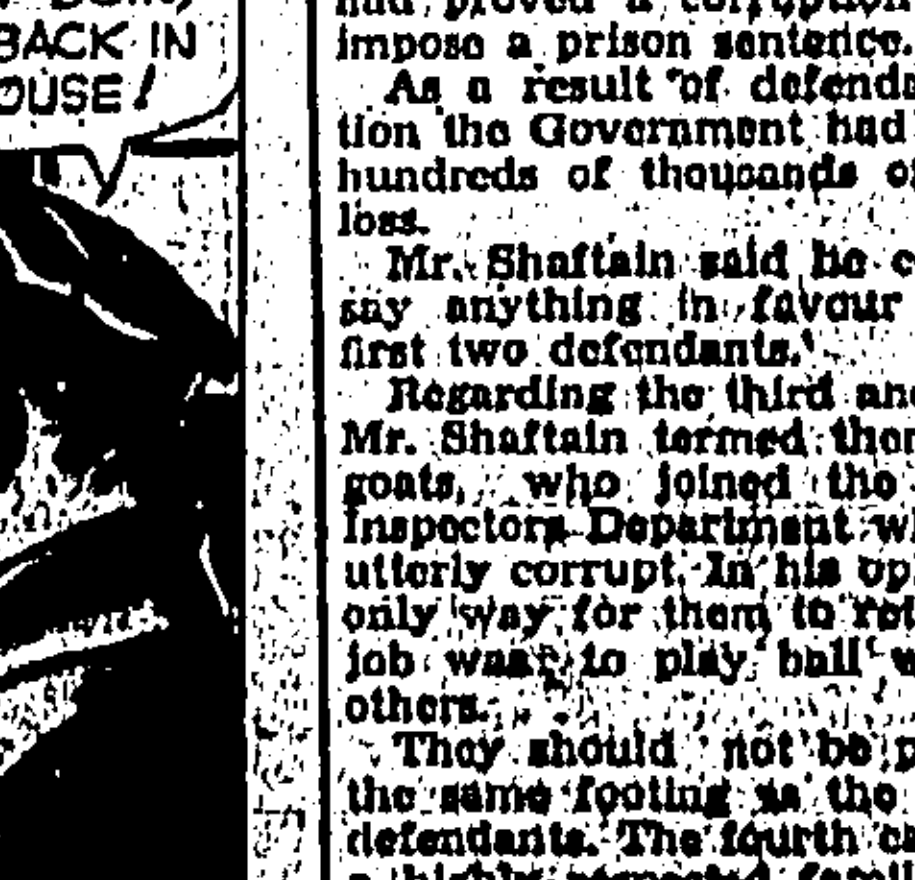
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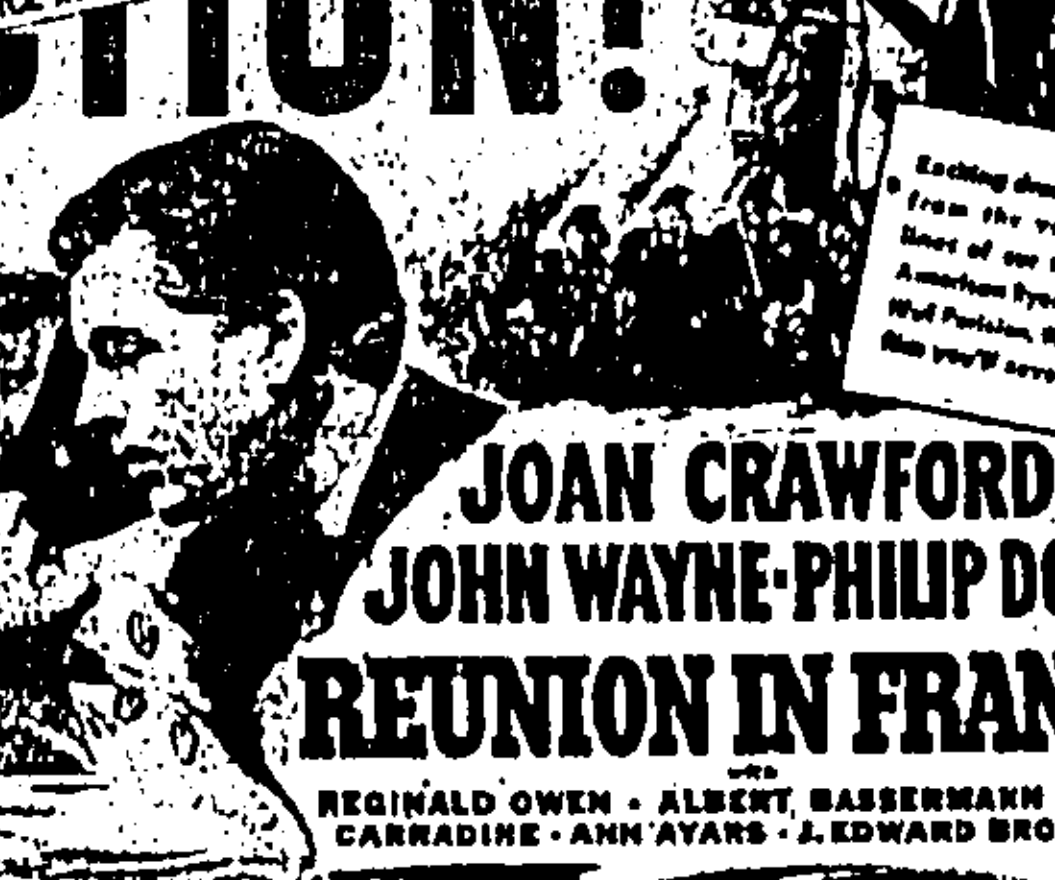
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CONFERENCE ON GERMANY

Likely To Complete Partition Process

Merging Of The French Zone

London, Apr. 20.
Well-informed political quarters in London consider that the London conference on Germany attended by Britain, France, the United States and the three Benelux powers, which was resumed here today, may complete the partition of Germany, on whose brink the four occupation powers have hovered for so long.

Today's meeting, it was thought, would be largely taken up with discussing the agenda, after which the first question likely to be dealt with was the procedure for merging the French Zone of occupation in Germany with the British and United States Zone.

American conference quarters said the question of currency reform would not be discussed. The same quarters discouraged speculation that this meeting would be followed by a meeting of the Western Powers' Foreign Ministers.

They said agreements reached here could be referred directly to the Governments for final action. The conference agreed not to discuss the question of reparations this meeting.

American sources indicated the belief that the current conference would last about two weeks.

Talks between experts from Britain, France, the United States and the Benelux countries have been going on in Berlin on this subject since March, but little progress is believed to have been made so far.

The question of the future international control of the Ruhr will, it is thought, not be touched on except possibly in passing, since the conference was able to make agreed recommendations to

the participating nations on this last March.

The next stages in the reconstruction of Western Germany are expected to be:

1.—The extension of the powers of the Bizonal Economic Council at Frankfurt to the political sphere.

2.—A currency reform.

Fusion

3.—The fusion of the French occupation Zone with the Bizonal area.

4.—The proclamation of a Provisional Government for Western Germany.

5.—The holding of elections in the West.

6.—The promulgation of a new constitution drawn up by elected Constituent Assembly, and the eventual replacement of this body by a West German Government, related to the Allied powers by a newly-negotiated occupation statute.—Reuter.

MATTER FOR LABOUR

London, Apr. 20.
Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, today rejected a request for the appointment of an all-party Parliamentary committee to investigate the sending of a good luck telegram by some Labour Party Members of Parliament to Signor Pietro Nenni and his Communist-allied group of Italian Socialists on the eve of the Italian elections.

Mr. Morrison said he thought the matter could better be dealt with by the Labour Party itself.—Reuter.

TO TAKE OVER BRITISH FIRM

Rangoon, Apr. 20.
The Burmese Parliament today passed the Inland Waterways Nationalisation Bill empowering the Government to take over the British-owned Irrawaddy Flotilla Company on June 1.

A three-man committee is being formed to consider equitable compensation. Business sources stated. The company's British employees will be kept on for at least three months after June 1, and essential personnel even longer.

The Bill requires the signature of the President, Sao Shwe Thaik, before becoming law.—Reuter.

Russia Not Able To Fight

Washington, Apr. 20.
Republican Representative Dewey Short said today that Russia neither wants nor is able to fight the United States now and that the draft is not justified.

Short, second ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, conceded his view was in the minority and that the draft bill will be okayed promptly by the Committee and later by Congress.

Short said the Administration pictured a world emergency in which the United States would be a world policeman to "divert attention from troubles at home." He said "the emergency is largely a personal political emergency of President Truman."

He outlined the position as the Committee heard additional witnesses in opposition to the draft bill under which more than 700,000 men would be inducted in the next two years.

Norman Thomas, many-time Socialist candidate for President, topped today's list of draft opponents.

Short said: "I do not think Russia has any intention of fighting so soon. They are not economically able to wage a global war at this time."—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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A "SYNTHETIC FINESS"

SOME KIND of special term is required to describe those combinations of cards which offer no opportunity for a successful finesse if you lead them first yourself, but which afford you that chance if an opponent leads the suit. The number of them is virtually unlimited, but most of them have certain recognizable features in common. Even when you hold no such combination yourself, it is well to sense occasionally that your opponent may, because of your own holding, and that therefore, leading it may prove costly to you and profitable to him.

S 8 6 4
H A 8 4
D K 10 8 4
C K 6 3

S K J 9
H J 6
D Q 9 7 2
C J 8 4 2

N S
W E
S 7 5 3
H K Q 10 7 5
D A 5
C A 7 5

(Dealer: South Neither side vulnerable.)

	South	West	North	East
1 H	Pass	2 D	Pass	
2 H	Pass	3 H	Pass	
4 H				

If you were the declarer and, because of a defender's irregularity, had the right to call the lead of a particular suit, by all means ask for the dummy's suit, a diamond. Conversely, if you were the defender with the opening lead, shun diamonds and hearts like poison unless you had a very peculiar holding of some sort.

West, with a spade or club lead virtually mandatory from the bidding, but with his spade holding such that his decision should have been steered to a club, nevertheless picked the worst possible lead, a diamond. This was bad not only because the suit had been bid in dummy, but because he held the Q and 9. Now note the "synthetic finesse" his lead of the diamond 2 caused.

South played the 4 from dummy, East the J and the A won. Three hearts scored, then the diamond 5 was led for a successful finesse of the 10—impossible except for West's lead. The diamond K then brought a discard of the spade 3. That assured success of the contract, as now nothing could be lost except two tricks in spades and one in clubs. You will see that a club lead by West would have left South three losers in spades and one in clubs.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 10 9 6
H A K 8 5 2
D K 8 6
C 10 7

S Q 8 2
H J 7 6 4
D J 9 3 2
C 5 2

N S
W E
S 7 5 3
H K Q 10 7 5
D A 5
C A 7 5

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

If South bids 3-No Trumps after East showed clubs, and West leads the club 5, what card-reading should East do?

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NEW HOUSING PROJECTS

Government's statement on the present stage of negotiations for subsidised housing schemes in the Colony makes encouraging reading.

Of twenty proposals submitted, nine have been approved, and assuming that their sponsors are now prepared to proceed with and complete their projects, approximately 2,000 new residences will be provided within reasonable time. Four further sites are available for additional development by other applicants who have been invited to modify their original plans to conform with the special conditions that the Government has properly seen fit to attach, bearing in mind the substantial subsidy that it is proposed to grant in the form of land allocations at a price considerably below their real market value.

Coupled with the private reconstruction work proceeding on a steadily increasing scale in various bomb-damaged areas, it can at last be felt that some appreciable alleviation of the housing shortage is emerging into view. Not that any direct benefit to the 'poor man' is involved. The building programme now approved, because of the factor of cost, will depend for its success upon the active interest of people of means able to finance what, in most cases, will amount to the purchase of their own homes, either outright, or by instalments. Projects of an order calculated to produce 2,000 new residences will, however, relieve the pressure on existing property, though whether the loosening up will proceed to the extent of deflating rentals must remain a matter for doubt.

For the moment, that is not the most vital consideration. The important thing is to get things moving, to get the new buildings up and occupied. By no other process is there the least prospect of a down-scaling of average rentals.

Italian Elections

The results of the Italian elections will be hailed as one sign of returning sanity in a disordered world, though it does not mean that the internal struggle in Italy can now be regarded as at an end. Most important factor, of course, is that de Gasperi's Christian Democrats have secured a sufficient number of seats to rule out any necessity of compromising with the Communists, or admitting them to a participation in the Government.

Europe will as a whole now go forward with a new confidence. The immediate danger, of a collapse in Italy, with the expectation of repercussions in France, is definitely past—the Marshall Plan can go forward according to its original conception with genuine prospects of achieving both its economic and political objectives.

WOMEN TO GUARD IMPERIAL PALACE

Tokyo, Apr. 21.—Japanese women, with their own arms and bayonets, will guard duty at the gates of the Imperial Palace here, Imperial Household Agency said today.

The women guards will be dressed in question uniforms, they



The German General Staff did not believe that the German Army could be formed and matured on a scale greater than that of France, and suitably provided with weapons and equipment, before 1943. The German Navy, except for U-boats, could not be rebuilt in its old state under 12 or 15 years, and in the process would compete heavily with all other plans.

But a new weapon of national rivalry had leapt upon the scene capable of altering much more rapidly the relative power of States. Granted a share in the ever-accumulating knowledge of mankind and in the march of science, only four or five years might be required by a nation of the first magnitude, devoting itself to the task, to create a powerful, and perhaps a supreme, Air Force.

By the autumn of 1933 it was plain that neither by precedent nor still less by example would the British effort for disarmament succeed. The pacifism of the Labour and Liberal parties was not affected even by the grave event of the German withdrawal from the League of Nations. Both continued in the name of Peace to urge British disarmament, and anyone who differed was called "warmonger" and "scaremonger."

It appeared that their feeling was endorsed by the people, who, of course, did not understand what was unfolding. At a by-election which occurred in East Fulham on Oct. 25, a wave of pacifist emotion increased the Socialist vote by nearly 9,000, and the Conservative vote fell by over 10,000.

The successful candidate, Mr. Wilmot (later to become Minister of Supply in Mr. Attlee's Cabinet) said after the poll that "British people demand... that the British Government shall give a lead to the whole world by initiating immediately a policy of general disarmament."

This election left a deep impression upon Mr. Baldwin, and he referred to it in a remarkable speech three years later. It would be wrong in judging the policy of the British Government not to remember the sincere desire for peace, which animated the uninformed, misinformed majority of the British people, and seemed to threaten with political extinction any party or politician who dared to take any other line.

This, of course, is no excuse for political leaders who fail to lead their duty. It is much better for parties and politicians to be turned out of office than to imperil the life of the nation. Moreover, there is no record in our history of any Government, asking Parliament and the people for the necessary measures of defence and being refused.

Nevertheless, those who feared the United MacDonald-Baldwin Government from their path should at least keep silent.

The Air Estimates of March, 1934, totalled only £20,000,000, and contained provision for four new squadrons, or an increase in our first-line air strength from 850 to 890. The financial cost involved in the first year was £28,000.

On this I said: "We are, it is admitted, the fifth air power only—if that. We are but half the strength of France, our nearest neighbour. Germany is arming fast and no one is going to stop her. That seems quite clear. No one proposes to stop her. To stop Germany breaking the Treaty of Versailles. She is going to arm; she is doing it; she has been doing it."

I called upon Mr. Baldwin as the man who possessed the power, and his responsibility. In the course of his reply Mr. Baldwin said:

"If all our efforts for an agreement fail, and if it is not possible to obtain this equality in such matters as I have indicated, then any Government of this country—a National Government more than any other—this Government—will see to it that in air strength and air power this country shall no longer be in a position inferior to any country within striking distance of its shores."

Here was a most solemn and definite pledge, given at a time when it could almost certainly have been made good by vigorous action on a large scale.

Although Germany had not yet openly violated the clauses of the Treaty which forbade her a military air force, civil aviation and an immense development of gliding had now reached a point where they could very easily be converted into a military air force.

The blatant duplicity of the Government, and the prevention of the clause being carried out, was a disgrace.

The Sixth Instalment PACIFIST EMOTION IN BRITAIN

by Germany of arms to Russia. On the other hand, from 1927 onwards a number of German pilots were trained by the Soviets for military purposes. There were fluctuations, but in 1932 the British Ambassador in Berlin reported that the Reichswehr had close technical liaison with the Red Army.

Nevertheless, when on July 20, 1934, the British Government brought forward some belated and inadequate proposals for strengthening the R.A.F. by 41 squadrons, or about 820 machines, only to be completed in five years, the Labour party, supported by the Liberals, moved a Vote of Censure upon them in the House of Commons. The Motion registered.

"His Majesty's Government should enter upon a policy of rearmament neither necessitated by any new commitment nor calculated to add to the security of the nation, but certain to jeopardise the prospects of international disarmament and to encourage a revival of dangerous and wasteful competition in rearmament for war."

In support of this complete refusal to take any measures to strengthen our air power, Mr. Attlee, speaking in their name, said: "We deny the need for increased air armaments. We deny the proposition that an increased British air force will make for the peace of the world, and we reject altogether the claim to parity."

The Liberal party supported this censure motion. This was the formative time when by extreme exertions we could have preserved the air strength on which our independence of action was founded. It was a time when the Government, and each member of the Government, had each maintained a quantitative parity with Germany they would together have been double as strong, and Hitler's career of violence might have been tipped in the bud without the loss of a single life. Thereafter it was too late.

We cannot doubt the sincerity of the leaders of the Socialist and Liberal Parties. They were completely wrong and mistaken, and they bear their share of the burden before history. It is indeed astonishing that the Socialist Party should have endeavoured in after years to claim superior foresight and should have reproached their opponents with failing to provide for national safety.

I said in this debate: "One would have thought that the champion of His Majesty's Government and the record of its principal Ministers would have induced the Opposition to view the request for an increase in the national defence with some confidence and some consideration. I do not suppose there has ever been such a pacifist-minded Government."

"There is the Prime Minister, who in the war proved the most extreme pacifist and with very great courage his convictions and the sacrifices he would make for what he believed was the cause of pacifism. The Lord President of the Council (Mr. Baldwin) is chiefly associated in the public mind with the reputation of the prayer 'Give peace in our time.'"

"One would have supposed that when Ministers like these come forward and say that they feel it their duty to ask for some small increase in the means they have of guaranteeing the public safety, it would weigh with the Opposition and would be regarded as a proof of the reality of the danger."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



...and you in the fire department, worry about their own water plugs."

Churchill's Memoirs

from which they seek to protect us... "Let us remember this: our weakness does not only involve ourselves; our weakness involves also the stability of Europe."

I then proceeded to argue that Germany was already approaching air parity with Britain.

"If Germany continues this expansion and if we continue to carry out our scheme, then some time in 1938, Germany will be definitely and substantially stronger in the air than Great Britain. Once they have got that lead we may never be able to overtake them."

"If the Government have to admit at any time in the next few years that the German air forces are stronger than our own, then they will be held, and I think rightly held to have failed in their prime duty to the country."

(In November, 1934, Mr. Churchill gave the Government an even more definite warning, to which Mr. Baldwin replied that we had a margin in Europe alone of nearly 50 per cent.).

On March 19, 1935, the Air Estimates were presented to the House. I reiterated my statement of November, and again directly challenged the assurances which Mr. Baldwin had then given. A very confident reply was made by the Under-Secretary for Air. However, at the end of March the Foreign Secretary and Mr.

The Russian charges forced the suspension of barge traffic between Berlin and Western Germany. The American Deputy Commandant, Mr. William Babcock, said the Soviet statement was "probably the biggest collection of falsehoods and misconceptions on record since the time of Ananias."

Mr. Babcock told Col. Yeliseyev: "You act like a mosquito buzzing a lion." The inland canal on which barge traffic was halted comprised one of the main communications channels between East and West Germany. Barges normally carry food, coal and building materials. Allied freight is handled by train or plane.—United Press.

Colonel Yeliseyev accused his British and American colleagues at today's session of the four Deputy Commandants of the city of "swearing" at him instead of finding logical answers to his statements.

The Soviet representative answered the Western Deputy's criticism of the present enormous backlog of post which is piling up in Berlin post offices because of the Russian refusal to move it out of the city.

In partial explanation, he said that the present system of parcel post dispatch violated an

The Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Graham Harbo, told the court that a fine of \$1,400,000 against the Union and of \$20,000 against Mr. Lewis would, in the opinion of the United States Department of Justice, be a sufficient penalty for their convictions on criminal contempt.

He recommended that consideration of a possible additional penalty for civil contempt be reserved until Friday.

Judge Alan Goldsborough, imposing the fines recommended by the Department of Justice, said it had been his own inclination to send Mr. Lewis to prison.

Reuter.

Protests

Eltham, Apr. 20.

Over 100,000 protesters quit work today in protest against the conviction of John Lewis and the United Mine Workers for contempt of court.

A United Press survey showed that more than 280,000 of the 400,000 United Mine Workers were refusing to work. Some 100,000 had returned to work, but the strike which had led to the contempt conviction, and almost 100,000 more walked out on Monday and Tuesday following Judge Alan Goldsborough's verdict and the imposition of fines.

Union officials in London urged the men to return to work, but re-

Eden paid a visit to Herr Hitler in Germany, and in the course of an important conversation, the text of which is on record, they were told personally by him that the German Air Force had already reached parity with Great Britain. This fact was made public by the Government on April 3.

At the beginning of May the Prime Minister wrote an article in his own organ, The Newsletter, in which he emphasised the dangers of German rearmament in terms akin to those which I had so often expressed since 1932. He used the revealing word "ambush," which must have sprung from the anxiety of his heart. We had indeed fallen into an ambush.

It was not until May 22 that Mr. Baldwin made his celebrated confession. I am forced to cite it.

"First of all, with regard to the figure I gave in November of German aeroplanes, nothing has come to my knowledge since that makes me think that my figure was wrong. I believed at that time it was right. Where I was wrong was in my estimate of the future. There I was completely wrong. We were completely misled on that subject."

"Whatever responsibility there may be—and we are perfectly ready to meet criticism—that responsibility is not that of any single Minister; it is the responsibility of the Government as a whole, and we are all responsible, and we are all to blame."

I hoped that this shocking confession would be a decisive event, and that at the least a Parliamentary Committee of all parties would be set up to report upon the facts and upon our safety.

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U.K. Bacon To Cost More

Ottawa, Apr. 20.—The Canadian Meat Board announces an increase of 25 cents per 100 lb. in the price it pays for bacon for export to the United Kingdom.

The increase applies to all grades and weights of Willshire sides and other export cuts put into, cure, after Monday.

The Board's price increase will not raise the cost of bacon to the United Kingdom, the announcement said. The Board will pay the increase out of its reserves accumulated as a result of lower operating costs due to recent-time resumption of more regular shipments and prompt handling of bacon.—Associated Press.

New G.O.C. Germany

London, Apr. 20.—Lieut. Gen. Sir Charles Frederick Kelghley, who succeeds Lieut. Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks as commander of occupation troops in Germany, is 47.

At 40 he was the youngest Major-General in the Army. He commanded the 3rd Armoured Division during the Battle of Normandy, both of which distinguished work during the second half of the war.

With the 1st Armoured Division he took part in the battle of the Marston and the capture of the town of Caen.

He returned to England in November 1945 to become Director of Military Training at the War Office.

In January 1946, he succeeded Lieut. Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks as commander of the 1st Armoured Division.

He was promoted to the rank of Major-General in 1947.

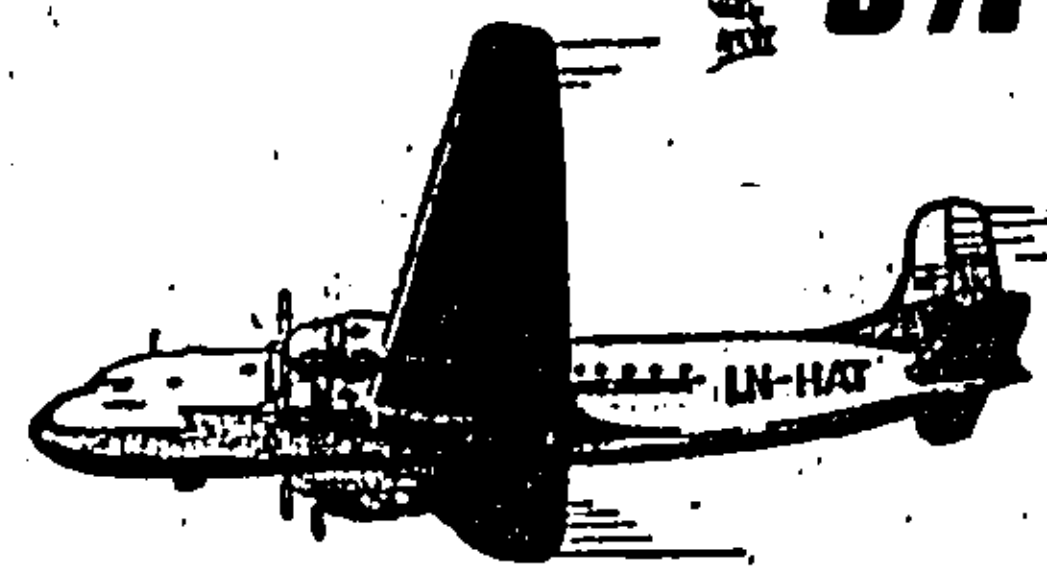
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ARABS TO USE REGULARS?

Allegations By The Jewish Agency Plans To Invade Palestine

Jerusalem, Apr. 20. Intelligence men of the Jewish Agency have been sending in reports for the past 24 hours of Arab plans to use regular armies for a "large-scale invasion" of Palestine on or after May 15, when the British mandate ends.

This was disclosed tonight by an Agency spokesman, as the Arab Liberation Army commander, Fawzi Bey El Kawukji, and his deputy, reached Amman, the mountain capital of Transjordan, for talks with the chiefs of King Abdullah's Arab Legion.

Demonstrators thronged the streets of Amman, calling for more aid to the Palestine Arab forces, other reports said.

In Baghdad, the Iraq Cabinet heard a report from General Ismail Safwat, the Liberation Army Commander-in-Chief, just back from talks with King Abdullah in Amman.

The Cabinet is reliably reported to have decided on "practical aid" for the Arabs of Palestine.

The British-officered Arab Legion, the private army of King Abdullah, is said to be 10,000 strong. King Abdullah told newspapermen last Saturday he would take "active steps" to aid the Palestine Arabs if the situation deteriorated to a point where war was inevitable.—Reuter.

Jewish Protest

Lake Success, Apr. 20. The Jewish Agency complained to the Security Council today of the presence in Palestine of the Transjordan Arab Legion, which, it said, represented "a continuing danger to the Jewish community."

The Agency said that "units of the Arab Legion in Palestine form an integral part of the British forces" and that responsibility for the Legion "rests squarely" on the British Government.

"The Legion, as a whole, is commanded by a senior British officer and maintained by a subsidy from the British Exchequer," the Agency said.—Reuter.

Jews Take Town

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 20. Hagana last night captured the Arab village of Beth Surik, 15 kilometres from Jerusalem on the highway to Tel-Aviv, making eight strong points they have seized along this lifeline.

Hagana claimed to have destroyed "all houses which were used as sniper posts against Jewish traffic."

After the seizure of another food convoy, making the fifth in a fortnight, they carried food into Jerusalem, including unleavened bread for the Passover.

Shot Down?

After reports that an Egyptian plane had been shot down over Galilee, the police wirelessly all stations stating that an Egyptian Airlines plane was missing and last seen at Negov in Southern Palestine.

In Jaffa, a mass exodus of Arabs started after rumours that the Hagana would retaliate on that city for the siege on the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Intensive sniping from Tel-Aviv on Jaffa started today.—United Press.

Arabs Trap Jews

Beirut, Apr. 20. Arab North Palestine headquarters today reported that 850 Jews were trapped in the battle still in progress around Nabi Yusha, north of Safad.

Field dispatches said at 6.30 p.m. that 73 Jews have been killed and wounded and Arab reinforcements were on the way to ensure that the Jews will not escape.

The Arabs said that a Jewish force attacked an outpost manned by 30 Arabs who occupied it two days ago when the British troops retired. The Arab garrison asked for help and the commander of the northern sector sent strong reinforcements surrounding the attackers.

Reports said that Lebanese troops were rushing across the ungarrisoned frontier and, more regulars of the Arab Liberation Army were on equip. Transjordan's "Arab Legion" was said to have arrived in Tiberias. Some quarters said the arrival of the Arab Legion may signal that Transjordan regulars will begin bolstering the Arab

SECRET SYSTEM PAYS OFF

Las Vegas, Nev., Apr. 20. Two college youths cashed in their chips and estimated they won about \$10 an hour during 78½ hours play at roulette. But the winnings of Albert Ellis and Dr. Roy Maltson were far lower than an estimated \$12,000 they won last year playing a secret system.

Professional gamblers scoffed at their claim of having worked out a winning system for roulette but admitted they were lucky.—United Press.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S PLAN

Utrecht, Apr. 20. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, today urged exchanges between the universities of Europe and America "to clear up misunderstandings among the people."

Speaking at a ceremony here, attended by Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands, Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard, at which she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law, Mrs. Roosevelt said the Old and the New World were facing a joint problem of reconstruction.

"If the democracies cease to exist in Europe as a whole, democracy will be menaced in the United States,"—Reuter.

Harbour Strike Spreads

Singapore, Apr. 20. The three-days old Singapore Harbour strike spread to about 11,000 workers today. Work on all ships in the harbour was at a standstill.

Lightermen, stevedores, wharf labourers, telephone company employees and men at the Palau-brail tin smelting works were affected by the strike, which seemed on the verge of collapse yesterday when most of the 6,000 harbour workers went back to their jobs.

It restarted when 2,500 lightermen stopped work for higher pay. Shipping was tied up today when wharf labourers stopped work, leaving unloaded a cargo of 43,000 tons of rice from Siam. Two British freighters, the 6,757-ton "Chanda," and the 3,703-ton "Chavon," sailed for Australia without loading their cargoes of general merchandise.

Yesterday, Mr. J. C. Barry, head of the Singapore Criminal Investigation Department, said the strike of the harbour workers was not "voluntary, spontaneous and full expression of the will of the workers."—Reuter.

Warrant Out For Heir

Christchurch, N.Z., Apr. 20. The New Zealand police say they hold an 11-year-old warrant for the arrest of the new heir to an ancient Scottish Baronetcy.

The missing man is stated to be Sir Norman Dugald Ferrier Campbell. He became heir to the Baronetcy on the death in Britain this week of his brother, Sir Charles Ralph Campbell. The Baronetcy was created in 1828.

Norman Campbell was to have been tried on indecency charges at Christchurch Supreme Court on February 9, 1937, the police stated, adding that he failed to appear and forfeited his bail of \$3,000.

During the past 11 years there have been reports that Norman Campbell had served in the French Foreign Legion. One traveller said he had seen him in Turkey.

Norman Campbell formerly owned sheep property in New Zealand.—Associated Press.

Draft Bill Comes Up In Senate

Washington, Apr. 20. A bill to draft men from 18 through to 25 years of age was introduced today by Representative Walter G. Andrews, New York Republican and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. The measure is the first to reach either House or Senate since President Truman asked for temporary selective service and universal military training as part of the preparedness programme.

The Andrews bill would: Call on men from 18 through 30 to register for the draft.

Make men 18 through 27 eligible for actual service.

Set a ceiling of 2,000,000 men for all armed services.

Proposed ceilings for each service—Army 837,000; Navy, 556,000; Marine Corps, 111,000; Air Force, 502,000.

Drafting of men would start 90 days after the President signed it into law.

The bill differs slightly from the one being studied by the House Armed Services Committee, of which Andrews is chairman. The new bill lists a provision to grant full benefits of the G.I. Bill of Rights to men in the new draft.

It also "freezes" all reserves. This means no man of draft age will be allowed to join any reserve unit after the law is in effect.

The Senate has not drawn up a draft bill, but it is studying one that would call for registration of men 18 through 44, and drafting of men 18 through 26.

Earlier today, Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Republican, called unification of America's armed forces a flop and introduced a bill to bring better teamwork.

Morse proposed to abolish the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force as independent units. Top officials of these services—now Secretaries—would become Assistant Secretaries under the Secretary of Defence.—Associated Press.

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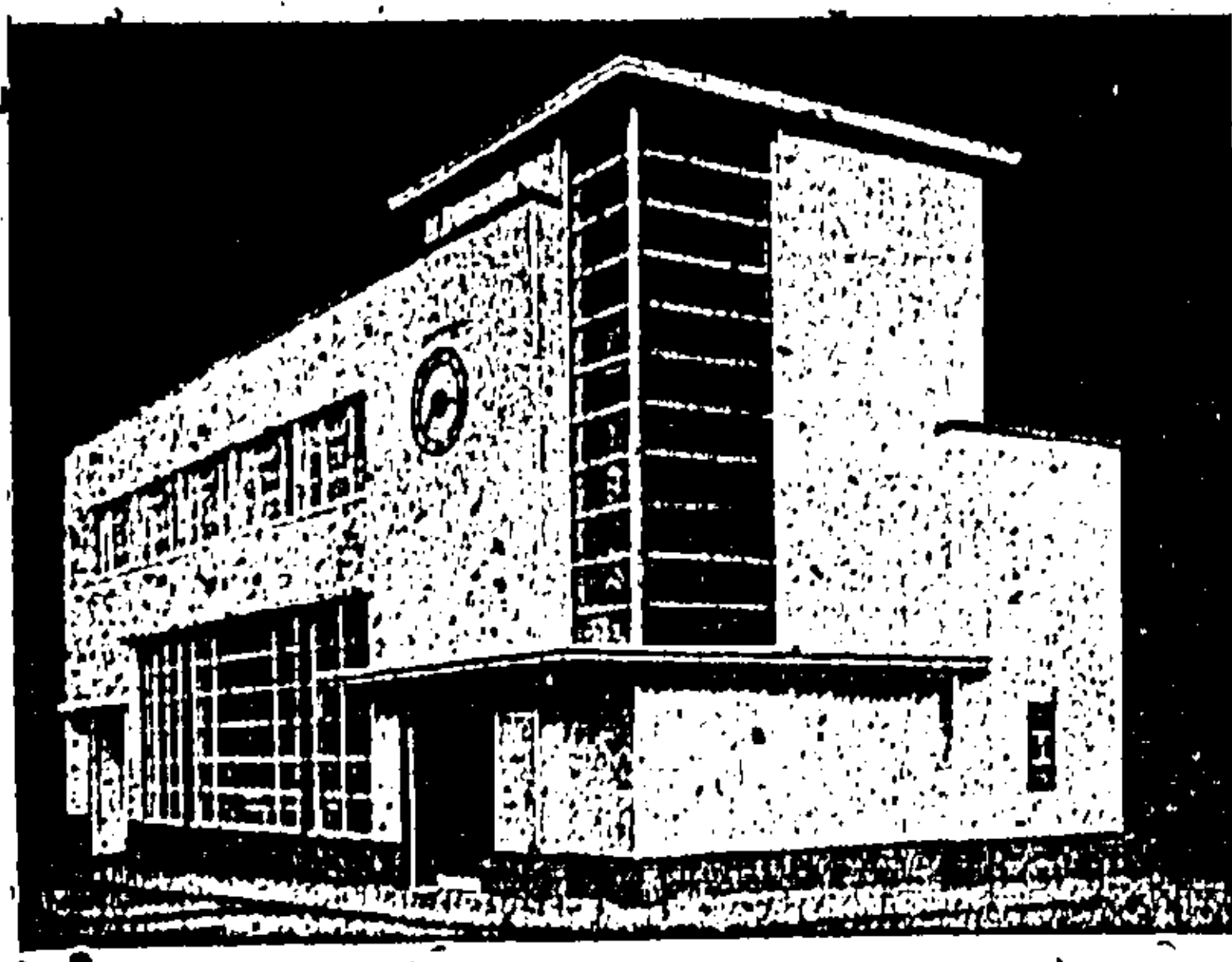
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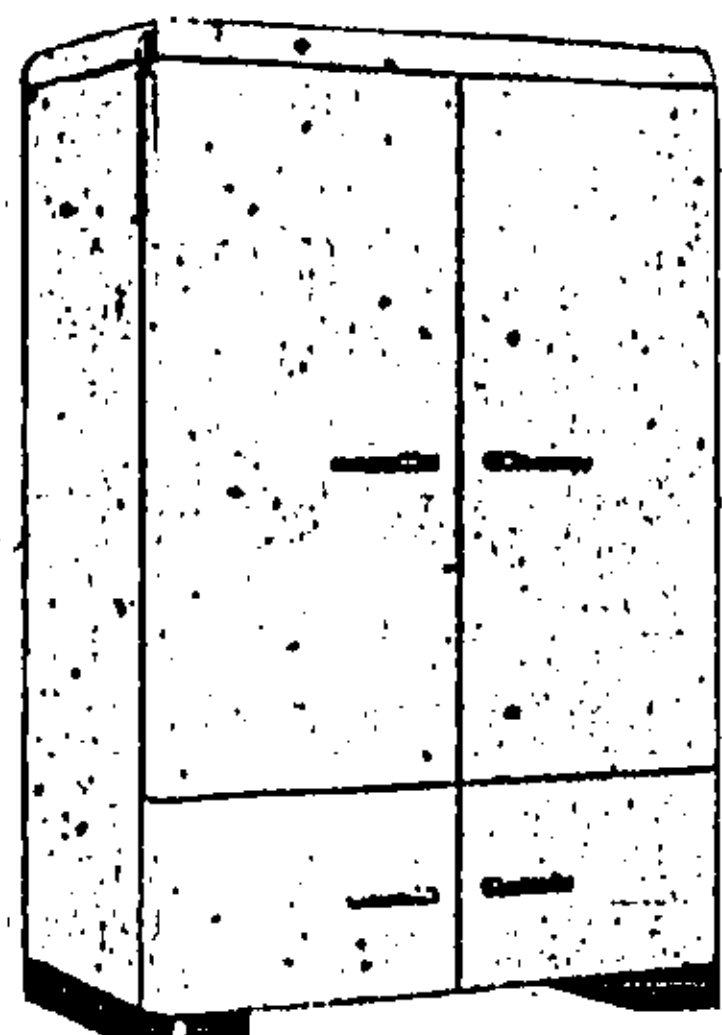
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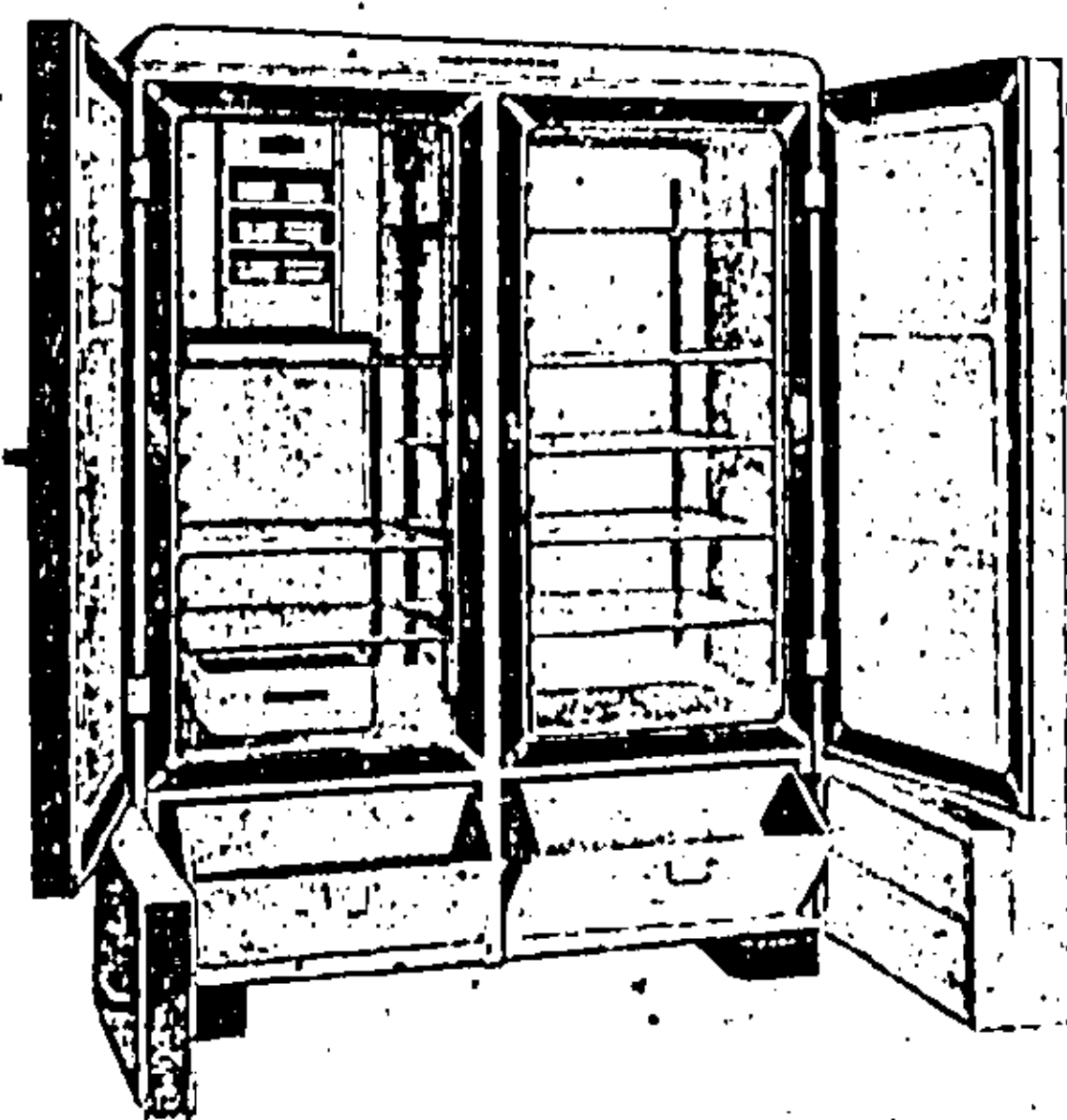
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ENGINEERING PAGE NEW ERA IN MARINE PROPULSION

Britain is leading the world in its development of the gas turbine engine to drive warships. Britain's Royal Navy is already the first afloat with a craft powered by a gas turbine and is pushing ahead with its various phases of development. New experiments being carried out under all conditions suggest the probability that this is the opening of a new era in marine propulsion.

The British Ministry of Supply has already made available to the Admiralty all information gained in the development of jet aircraft. Aircraft firms hitherto engaged solely on jet propulsion for aircraft are now co-operating and may soon open "marine wings".

Air and marine jet units work on similar principles except that for marine engines the jet is directed against turbine vanes which transmit the power to the ship's propeller in the normal way.

Its application to the Royal Navy would mean ships with extended cruising range, allow more weight for armour and the elimination of boilers may mean, eventually, more space for the new type weapons.

The fact that Britain has scrapped several obsolete and worn-out battleships should not blind one to the fact that in the design and creation of a new Royal Navy, specially adapted to this age with its peculiar problems, Britain is steadily forging ahead. The cost of the necessary research work runs into several million pounds and is being put in establishments throughout the country.

Chief problem with the gas turbine development was the perfection of metals for the air compression chamber. In the simplest words, the marine gas turbine might be described as a box in which a windmill is blown round by an artificial wind. The wind is more than

Britain Evolves New Stainless Steel

London, Apr. 17.
A new stainless and corrosion-resisting steel that is easily machinable in cast form is now being produced in a North England foundry.

Wrought stainless steels giving satisfactory cutting results have long been in use, but this evolution of "free cutting" castings possessing almost identical qualities is claimed to represent a new achievement in British metallurgy.

(The foundry is David Brown Foundries Company of Penistone).

hurricane force and blowing through a tunnel, it acts as a jet. The wind is produced by burning liquid fuel in air, the air being forced into the box by power derived from the windmill, or turbine itself.

In producing the jet in this way a great deal of heat is generated and the contents of

the box, therefore, must be able to stand up to very high temperatures.

Suitable metals have now been found appropriate for work in the Royal Navy's gas turbine engines.

In September last year, naval technicians were able to put to

the application of this form of machinery afloat, for this was the first naval vessel ever to be propelled by a gas turbine. It is hard to overestimate the value of practical experience with "ironmongery" in the element for which it is designed.

The craft was subjected to

nearby constant optical properties characteristic of true coke, but entirely different from graphite. Charcoal produced by forest fires last summer has proved to be either fusible (No. 9) with or without some of the other components, as low as No. 6. Reac-

the wood charcoal made at 600 deg. C. consisted entirely of No. 6. Ordinary charcoal from a burnt tree trunk was No. 9. When heated to about 1,100 deg. C. it was found to be converted into x-coke.

According to the author, much remains to be done as the discoveries, unexpected as they are, cannot fail to have important effects both upon our idea of the past history of coal, and its future utilisation, whether by combustion or carbonisation.

Quantitative Analysis
All coals can now be quantitatively analysed into nine components derived from woody tissue, the main mother substance of coal. These can be identified and numbered according to their optical properties by a simple microscope technique. The components form a series of steps which change suddenly at certain values of the carbon. This is contrary to the general accepted theory that coal is formed by a constant process of gradual change. All metamorphic changes of coal, whether regional or local, are in South Wales, or contact metamorphism by intrusive volcanic rocks, as in certain coals of North Britain, or the changes known as fusination, i.e., from bright coal to "mineral charcoal" (mother of coal, "mainle") now called fusain, proceed by the same nine steps.

Under certain conditions, i.e., in Sumatran lignite, the metamorphism by intrusive volcanic rocks has been found to pass through a bituminous stage in which it has strong swelling and caking properties, the metamorphism being as normal as regional anthracitisation.

All forms of carbonisation at atmospheric pressure, whether in the semi-coke retort (Coalite), gas-retort or coke-oven, pass through the same nine steps with increasing temperature. Beyond a certain point, which may be as low as 6,000 deg. C. with certain coals, the semi-coke passes through the stage of fusinite (No. 9), out of the coal series, and becomes what the author calls alpha-coke (x-coke), which has

fluorescent lamps which have certain advantages for this purpose. The colour of the light is good, and the use of large lamps (which naturally results in large low-brightness lanterns) tends to reduce glare.

These advantages must, however, be weighed against the high cost of equipment. It is possible that this extra expense may be justified for the spectacular installations appropriate to the centre of London and other big towns, which can be designed for use with fluorescent lamps.

The lighting of secondary and residential roads by fluorescent lamps is also being studied.

On rather more orthodox lines, there are two new lanterns of interest for side lighting. One is for use with 45-watt or 60-watt sodium vapour discharge lamps, while the second is a new type of directional lantern to take 200-watt Osram lamps or 80-watt or 125-watt Osram HPMV lamps.

By Vernon Brown

Constitution Of Coal

Important discoveries which may have a distinct bearing on methods of coal usage in the future, were referred to by Dr. Clarence A. Seyler, of the British Coal Utilisation Research Association, in a recent Paper on "The Past and Future of Coal: The Contribution of Petrology," presented to the South Wales Institute of Engineers. The Paper outlined the results of investigations made since the author read his last Paper to the Institute in 1937, the work being done partly in the author's laboratory in Swansea and partly in the laboratories of the B.C.U.R.A. in London, since the petrological department was formed under the writer's direction in 1943. The appended notes summarise the main points of the Paper.

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all sorts of tests and it was not until the beginning of February this year that the trials really came to an end.

Britain's Admiralty and industrial experts are still examining the "Garcia" unit installed in the gunboat which, on its first trials, completed 55 hours running at sea (in the Solent). In the course of those trials some 3,000 tons of salt air was pumped into the red-hot combustion chamber.

It was expected that the salt deposits would foul the blades of the compressor which forces the air into the combustion chamber with a lowering of power output. In fact, the power loss was less than expected and when the engine was opened up there was less salt than had been anticipated.

These preliminary trials were regarded as most satisfactory and Britain claimed to have won the first round against the technical difficulties.

The New Unit

The contest between the engineer and the difficulties inherent in this application, however, has not yet ended. There is still much to be done. M.G.B. 2009 is now being fitted with a new, slightly modified gas turbine unit which will soon begin its sea trials. This new unit will run continuously for many hundreds of hours to ascertain its total useful life at sea.

The Admiralty is also planning larger gas turbine machinery for installation in a vessel of the Escort type—about 1,400 tons. In this project the machinery has been designed for marine purposes from the initial stage and it is prophesied that its durability and efficiency will be greater than the first unit.

There are, of course, other projects. These include the powering with gas turbine machinery of H. M. S. "Gray Goose," a gunboat of about 250 tons, considerably larger than M. G. B. 2009. This boat was quite famous during World War II. She was commanded by by Lieut. Peter Scott, R.N.V.R., M.B.E., D.S.C. She led an "E-bomb Killer" flotilla in a series of dashing actions against enemy shipping.

There is little doubt that the development of the gas turbine will influence considerably the shape of warships to come. That is the reason why Britain is proceeding with these important experiments as speedily as possible.

In the words of Vice-Admiral Denys Ford, Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet: "We cannot tell where this new development is going to lead us, but it may well start a new era at sea."

Pulse Technique In Radar

In spite of the spectacular new applications of pulse technique for radio navigation and the location of obstructions, there must always remain the demand for a means of locating a source of electromagnetic radiation—and that is why a fourth edition has been prepared of "Wireless Direction Finding" by R. Keen (published at 45s. for "Wireless World" by Iliffe & Sons, Ltd. of London).

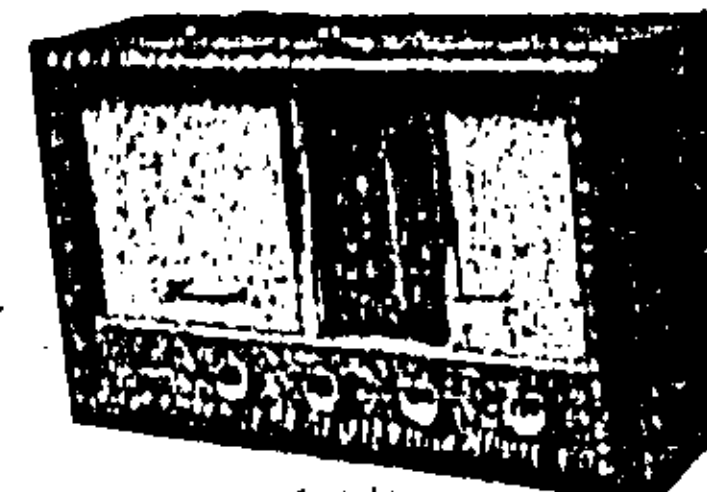
Opportunity has been taken to include much recently released material—in particular, systems of navigation using the hyperbolic grid.

New matter includes sections dealing with the design and setting of high-frequency radio-sonometers; on transmission-line theory as applied to Adcock aerial systems; and on the cause of reduction of resonance effects in Adcock aerials and feeders. New sections on calibration have been added to the ship and aircraft chapters.

The statistical treatment of H.F. bearing classification, has been included, together with notes on the organisation of a network of H.F. direction-finding stations with particular reference to their use for non-co-operative direction-finding—that is, the location of unidentified transmitters.

The contention that the Mound, in Edinburgh, was now recognized as a cur park, has aroused opposition from some councillors, who contend that this well-known centre in Princes Street is a public place. On recent occasions, open-air speakers, who use the Mound as their forum, have been packed to move.

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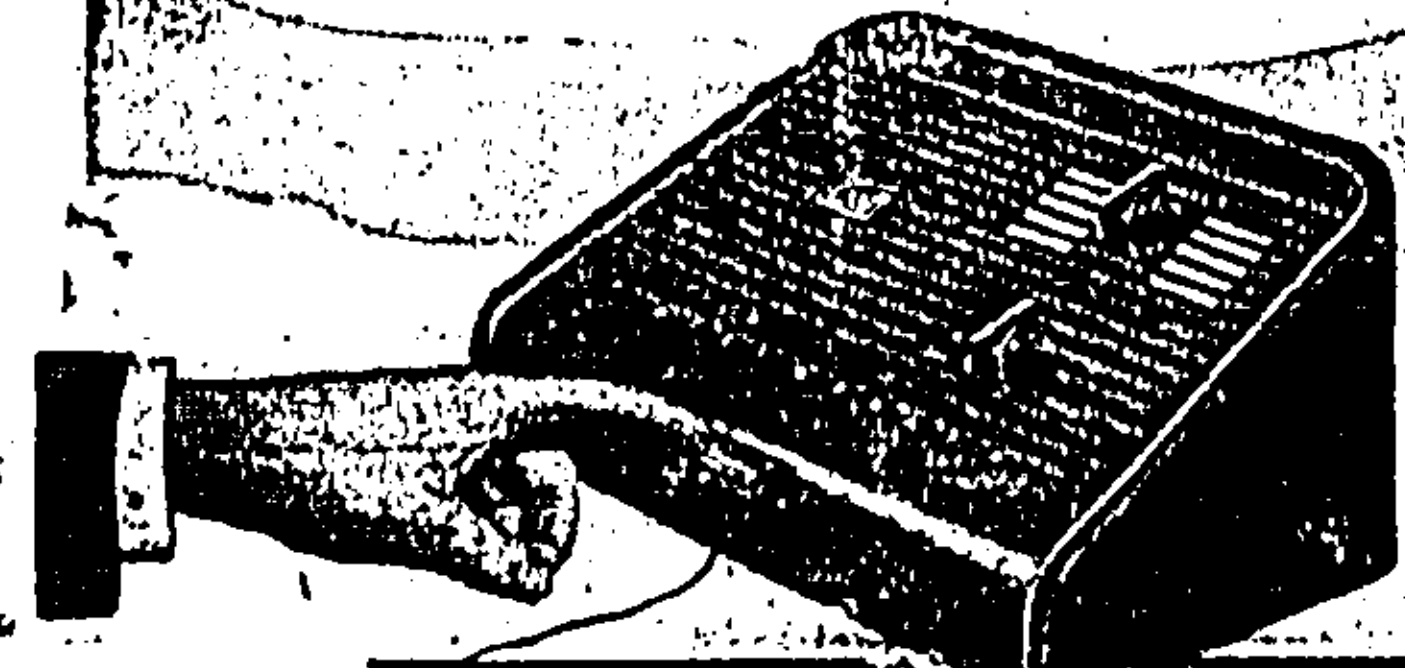
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NEW PALESTINE PROPOSALS

America Ready To Play Part

Lake Success, Apr. 20.

The United States is prepared to share in the responsibility of keeping order in Palestine, Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate, told the Political Committee of the United Nations today. The Political Committee was beginning the reconsideration of the Palestine problem for which the present special session of the General Assembly was convened.

"The United States has raised with certain other Governments the question of joint responsibility for the security of a temporary trusteeship," said Mr. Austin, and added:-

"While the United States is prepared to carry its fair share of the United Nations burden involved in such a temporary trusteeship, it is not prepared to act alone in this matter.

"Our participation will be conditioned upon the readiness of other Governments to provide similar assistance."

After reviewing the history of the Palestine case in the United Nations, Mr. Austin said:

"During the period of intensive consultation among the permanent members, the mandatory power, the Palestine Commission and representatives of the Jews and Arabs of Palestine, it was impossible to find the necessary agreement either among the members of the Security Council, to permit a peaceful implementation of the Assembly resolution (on partition).

Mr. Austin declared that the United States was willing to undertake its share of responsibility for the provision of the police forces which are required during the transition period of trusteeship along with other members who may be selected by the General Assembly, and who are willing to carry out such a task in accordance with the will of the Assembly and with the provisions of the Charter.

"By the middle of March, we recognized that time was fast running out. The only certainty was that grave disorders were occurring daily in Palestine and that even greater bloodshed could be expected after May 15.

"My Government considered that the only decent course lay in the effort to save lives and we found that our colleagues in the Security Council were ready to move in the same direction."

Mr. Austin quoted from the report of the United Nations Palestine Commission that "Arab elements, both inside and outside of Palestine, have exerted organized and intensive efforts towards defeating the purpose of the resolution of the General Assembly."

Arab Resistance

"The primary reason why the General Assembly's resolution of November 29 could not be carried out by peaceful means was the Arab resistance. 'Some of this resistance, arising from outside Palestine, is in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and must be halted.

"The Jewish Agency for Palestine has demonstrated that it is prepared to accept the resolution of the General Assembly of last November 29 despite the fact that this resolution did not represent the full measure of their claims."

"Jewish activities have shocked the entire world, have served to inflame still further the Palestine question, and have made it more difficult for the United Nations to find a peaceful solution to the Palestine problem," he continued.

He then related the events which led to the passing by the Security Council of the resolution calling for a truce, adding:

"Since the truce itself does not ensure the continuance of governmental authority in Palestine, the United States believes that consideration should be given by the General Assembly to the establishment of a temporary trusteeship, which might provide the Government and the essential public services in that country pending further negotiations.

"If the mandatory power actively cooperates," said Mr. Austin, "the General Assembly would be able to establish United Nations Governmental authority in Palestine."

"The United Nations itself can become the administering authority in Palestine.

"The United States does not wish to confront the General Assembly with a draft trusteeship agreement which has been worked out in every detail, or, indeed, to present in any formal sense a draft trusteeship agreement."

A "Working Paper"

He submitted suggestions "in the form of a working paper, which we feel represents to a very considerable degree the collective view."

The United States, Mr. Austin said, did not suggest a "temporary trusteeship as a substitute for the plan of partition with economic union or any other solution of the Palestine problem which may be agreed upon by the Jews and Arabs of that country."

"We consider it an emergency measure to ensure public order and the maintenance of public services.

"A truce and trusteeship together envisage a military and political standstill to save human life and to make possible further negotiations on the final political settlement. As we see it, a truce and trusteeship would be entirely without prejudice to the rights, claims or position of the parties, or to the character of the eventual political settlement."

Mr. Austin concluded: "It is not enough to provide only for law and order in Palestine. If the United Nations accepts temporary responsibility for the Government of Palestine, everything possible should be done to promote the economic recovery and the development of the country for the mutual benefit of all of its inhabitants."

Soviet Opposition

M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, reaffirmed Soviet support for partition and opposed

SHOULD HAVE TOLD PUBLIC

Washington, Apr. 20.
The House of Representatives approved and sent to the Senate a bill to pay US\$20,000 to survivors of six persons killed in the explosion of a Japanese balloon

near Bly, Oregon, on May 5, 1943.
The Judiciary Committee said the military authorities had been negligent in failing to warn the public such attacks were taking place—United Press.

The United States plan for trusteeship. He asked: "How can we explain that the partition decision is not being implemented, and that, in its place, certain states submit new plans providing for a revocation of an already adopted decision, and its replacement by a new plan which does not correspond to the interests of the population of Palestine or to the interests of the maintenance of international peace?"

"Russia would vote against the proposals," he declared: "Russia considered the United Nations should take effective measures for the implementation of partition."

Dr. T. F. Tsing, of China, supported the trusteeship plan.

The Political Committee then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Britain Negative

London, Apr. 20.
Britain and France were among the countries approached by the

United States with an offer to share responsibility for policing Palestine during a temporary trusteeship.

The British response was negative, this source indicated.

Britain's policy is now one of declining absolutely to enforce any policy in Palestine, whether alone or in cooperation with other members of the United Nations, which does not have the support of both Jews and Arabs.

A decisive statement on the Government's attitude to future commitments in Palestine is expected tomorrow in the House of Commons, when Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, is due to reply to a question asking on what terms Britain would agree to continue to exercise authority in Palestine after May 15.—Reuter.

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BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

Rise In Coal And Motor-Car Exports

Adverse Balance Gets Bigger

London, Apr. 20.

Britain's import and export values for the month of March this year were the highest for 27 years and the unfavourable visible trade balance was largest since September last year, according to the Board of Trade figures issued today.

Imports for March totalled £178,200,000 and exports totalled £121,000,000, giving an unfavourable balance of £57,200,000.

Allowing for price increases since 1938 the volume of exports for the month of March this year is estimated at 129 per cent of 1938, which is a record high percentage.

The largest increase in value was for vehicles, which exceeded £20,000,000.

Coal exports rose nearly 50 per cent in value and one-third in volume over the previous two months average.

Textile exports decreased slightly to £22,300,000.

Food, drink and tobacco imports increased by £17,500,000 and accounted mainly for import value for March.

The unfavourable trade balance for March was £10,900,000 greater than in February this year.—United Press.

(By Sydney Gampell)

London, Apr. 20. Standardised on a normal working month of 26 days, Britain's export volume rose from the monthly average of 117 per cent of 1938 in the fourth quarter of 1947 to January 123, February 131 and March 134.

This is an unexpectedly rapid progress towards the target of 150 by the end of 1948.

Nevertheless, the adverse balance of trade during the last quarter was bigger than that which the Government only a few weeks ago forecast for the first two quarters combined and the drain on gold and dollars during the first quarter was appreciably worse than what the Government had expected.

This situation, while the export drive is not failing but on the contrary is conspicuously succeeding, indicates some underlying joker on the capital side, possibly due to the world's present unrealistic exchange rates.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$337.25 a ton, dropped to \$336.00 and rose to \$339.00 at the time of the opening in the afternoon at \$338.50 it rose to \$341.50 about 4 p.m., closing easier at \$339.50.

The market was inclined to be easy at the opening, due to rumours of arrival of 18,000 oz of gold from Macao, but it improved later in the day.

The undertone during the past few days has been steady and all offerings appear to have been readily absorbed. Difficulty of obtaining supplies from abroad is given as the reason for this firm undertone.

Official deliveries 3,100 tons and unofficial deliveries 3,900 tons—total 7,000 tons. Pinetree opened at \$11.57 1/2 and closed at \$11.40 a 100 at the time of the interval. There were no transactions in the afternoon.

Chinese National Currency opened at 8 cents for CN\$10,000 for both futures and spot. Closing quotations were 8.07 1/2 cents and 8.05 cents respectively.

Ticals were lower yesterday at \$25.20, and so were NEI Guilders at \$46.40 a 100.

U.S. dollars eased off again to \$6.88 1/2 for notes. Sterling was unchanged at \$13.10, but Australian pounds, appreciated to \$12.55.

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Revenue Officer D.H. Knox yesterday applied to Mr. W. H. Lattimer for permission to withdraw the charge against Kwok Kam-sang, 28, merchant, of Room 101, Rose Hotel, of importing four cases of penicillin (valued at \$10,000) without a permit at Kai Tak Airfield on April 3.

Defendant was accordingly discharged by the Magistrate.

The masters of two motor junks appeared before Mr. D.G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday charged with carrying excess passengers. On pleading guilty, one was fined \$200 for having 43 in excess of the number allowed while the other was fined \$100 for having seven passengers in excess. Inspector McCarthy prosecuted.

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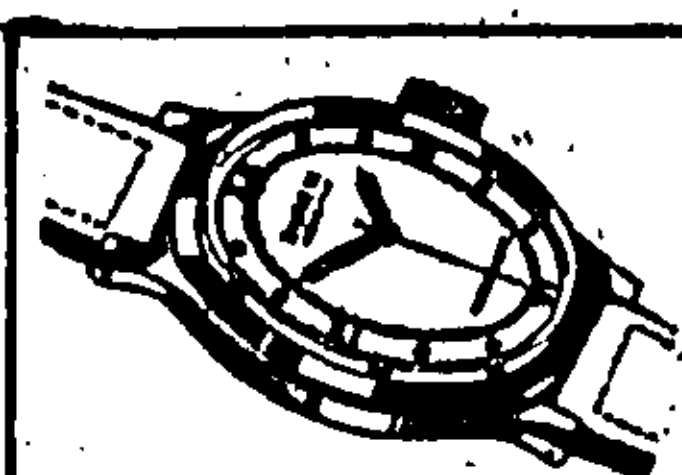
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TENANCY ORDINANCE BLAMED Effects Development Of Colony

The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance was blamed for its detrimental effect on the progressive development of the Colony at the 56th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday.

The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, referred to the long delay in obtaining possession of land for commercial development for the benefit of the community, caused by waiting for a hearing by the Tenancy Tribunals, and then by appeals to the Court.

Another speaker, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, said the increase of 30 per cent. in rent allowed by Government in July was insufficient to cover increased costs and that in fairness to landlords they should be given a further concession.

Opening the meeting the Chairman said:

"The net profit for the year, excluding interest transactions, amounted to \$1,083,026.00, which is \$559,322 less than for 1946. Expenditure on property maintenance, operating charges and overheads has increased considerably, due mainly to a general rise in costs, but partly to our having extended the scope of our services so as to provide, for our tenants, accommodation and amenities more in keeping with the standards prevailing before the Pacific War.

General Increase
"Although all available premises were fully let during 1947 and a general increase in controlled rents was permitted from July 1, 1947, net revenue from property working, less general overheads, was nevertheless only slightly higher than in 1946. Rent control continues to be heavily on the landlord, and our properties cannot be operated as efficiently, or maintained in as satisfactory a state of repair as we should like, consequently expenditure is a much higher proportion of our net revenue than in pre-war years.

"The profit of Gloucester Hotel working account for the year 1947 decreased by more than \$200,000 but there was a compensating increase in rent revenue, partly from a reassessment of the hotel rental, and partly from the separate letting of the ground floor lounge and a portion of the first floor, where the former resident dining room had been converted into offices and other rent-earning premises. The actual net decrease in revenue amounted to a little more than \$41,000.

Fair Profit
"With the transfer of the residents' dining room to the eighth floor, and the conversion of the redundant space into hotel rooms, the hotel is now able to show a fair profit, without the risks attendant upon the fluctuating ballroom and restaurant trade.

"During the year the hotel was recognised to provide accommodation as inexpensively as possible, while yet maintaining a reasonable standard of comfort and service. Our aim is to cater primarily for the traveller and the temporary resident, thereby adding to the essential amenities of the Colony as a focal point in the Western Pacific.

"Further outlying properties were sold to provide part of the capital required for the redevelopment of your central district holdings. The accounts show a book profit of these transactions of nearly \$4,400,000, the greater part of which has been put to a building development fund, where it will be available for property development in due course.

"In accordance with the plans decided upon before the war the Company planned to re-develop the site now known as 11 & 13 Queen's Road, Central. Plans were finalised to erect a new building containing some 140,000 square feet of much needed floor space, as compared with less than 50,000 square feet in the old buildings. I regret to say that this important project is now being held up on account of certain legal proceedings between the tenant and the Company and as this litigation is still proceeding, I will refrain from further remarks on this particular case. But I consider it right that I should make a few general observations on the working of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947 in regard to development schemes.

Legal Proceedings
Under the Ordinance, one of the grounds on which Tenancy Tribunal can make an order for the recovery of possession from a tenant is where the tenant is "a tenant of land which has not been developed."

While the Company's properties shown in the Balance Sheet at \$10,000,000, a conservative figure of their present-day value would be somewhere in the region of \$90,000,000. On this the

Jap Lovers' Suicide

Tokyo, Apr. 20. The Metropolitan Police Board reported today that 198 Japanese committed suicide in Tokyo since the beginning of the year and said one of the chief reasons for the suicides was frustrated love affairs.

The board said 130 men and 68 women took their own lives, indicating the women do not take their love as seriously as men—if the police board's idea about suicide causes is correct—United Press.

Value Nullified
"Although the pending Bill now before the Legislative Council does seek to restrict the right of appeal from a Tenancy Tribunal it seems obvious that unless ways and means of avoiding these long delays between an application and its hearing can be solved, the object of this provision, whereby vacant undeveloped land can be developed speedily in the interest of the community, is being defeated.

Capital Profit
For the year ended December 1946, said Mr. Seth, a capital profit of approximately \$1,102,000 was realised; and for the year 1947, another \$3,399,000, making a total for the two years, in round figures, of \$4,501,000. Not only were shareholders deprived from participating in this windfall, but 10 per cent. of the recommended dividend would be deducted.

"This deduction appears to me particularly nigardly," said Mr. Seth, "being approximately \$103,000, just over 3 per cent. of the profit on property sales for the year. Surely this sum could be borne by the Company."

Mr. Seth then went on to question the amount of \$186,250.19 commission paid to the Managing Director, and asked whether the items "Amortisation of Crown Lease (\$15,855)" and "Depreciation of Buildings (\$343,757)" had been deducted before calculating the commission.

Three other points asked by Mr. Seth were: (1) for what purpose has the contingency reserve (\$450,000) been created; (2) What amount has been written off renewals and renovations and whether he was correct in assuming that the amount has been charged to the various properties renovated; and, if so, what were the amounts written off; and (3) The repatriation charges for working accounts for the properties incurring the expenditure.

Mr. Seth also advocated that the capital of the Company which at Dec. 31, 1947, was \$9,024,575, should be increased to bring it more into line with fixed assets which stood at \$18,429,410.

Bonus Share Issue
"In view of the fact that the general reserve and premium on shares are unlikely to be distributed, I suggest for the consideration of the Board that the major portion of these reserves be capitalised by the issue of bonus shares," added Mr. Seth.

The Chairman, in reply, said the Managing Director's commission was calculated in accordance with the Articles of Association. He did not have notice of the question, and would give an answer to the enquirer after the meeting in his office.

On the question of the contingency reserve the Chairman replied that it was not in the interest of the Company or shareholders that this information should be published, and if the enquirer would call at his office after the meeting he would be furnished with details.

Renewals and renovations were partly capitalised and partly written off, said Mr. Landale in reply to Mr. Seth's third question, the depreciation being in accordance with the estimated life of the property concerned.

Davis Cup: Britain v. India Draw

London, Apr. 21. The draw for the order of play in the European zone first round of the Davis Cup tie between Britain and India, beginning at Harrogate (Yorkshire) tomorrow was made today as follows:

Howard Walton (Britain) versus Dillip Bose.

R. J. Mottram (Britain) versus Sumant Misra.

H. Billington and Geoffrey Pugh (Britain) versus Misra and L. R. Sawhney.

Mottram versus Bose; Walton versus Misra.

The first two singles will be played tomorrow, the doubles on Friday and the reverse singles on Saturday.

Bose's game with Walton, the Royal Air Force champion, is regarded as the "key" encounter as it is expected to win his two singles. Those lost to Walton in the recent Paddington tournament, but since then Walton has been suffering from stomach trouble and may not be at his best.

The winners of the tie will have to play Norway in the second round.—Reuter.

Filipino Tourists
Twenty-five Filipino tourists, mainly businessmen and their families, arrived from Manila on Tuesday by P.A.L. "Skymaster" an eight-day "ambassador of goodwill" tour of the Colony. The tour is being conducted by the World Tourist Service of Manila.

Two similar groups are due to arrive from the Philippine capital at fortnightly intervals. These are the first overseas tours conducted by the World Tourist Service of Manila. Several others are being planned.

The present tour in the Colony is under the management of Mr. L. G. Farall.

Despite the heavy but welcome downpour yesterday morning, the tourists visited scenes and places of interest on the Island. Today they will tour the Mainland.

Their programme for tomorrow includes a visit to the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, and a dinner-dance on Saturday at the "Grippe".

Weather permitting, a swimming excursion will be made to Repulse Bay on Sunday with Monday reserved for shopping.

OPEN SEMI-FINALS
The first semi-final of the Open tennis competitions will be played this afternoon on the stand court when Ip Koon-hong meets Choy Tin-fook in the Open Singles.

German Wives For BAOR

London, Apr. 20. The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today that 3,400 German women have married members of the British Occupation Army. Including those whose husbands are non-army men, he said, a total of 4,004 German women had been admitted to Britain for marriage to British subjects by the end of March.—Associated Press.

Charlton's Brilliant Win

London, Apr. 20. Charlton Athletic, by scoring a brilliant win against Burnley tonight, made sure of retaining a place in the First Division for the next season.

Thirty thousand spectators watched the game which produced no goals until the first few minutes of the second half, when Vaughan, in as many minutes, netted two.

Charlton's defence was brilliant and this inspired their attack as the game progressed.

One of the highlights came when Bartram in Charlton's goal saved a penalty taken by Bray. In a Scottish League "A" Division match played today, Queen's Park beat Airdrieonians by two goals to one.—Reuter.

Author's "Obscene Libel"
Melbourne, Apr. 20. Robert Sharp Close, 44, author of the novel "Love Me Sailor," was sentenced at Melbourne today to three months in gaol and fined £100 on a charge of having published an obscene libel.

On a similar charge the publishers of the book, Georgian House Proprietary, Ltd., were fined \$500. Sentence was imposed in the Melbourne Criminal Court.

Judge Fred Martin told Close he regarded his book as a gross assault on the morality of the community.

"Love Me Sailor" is the story of the thoughts and life of the crew of a sailing ship on which one woman is a passenger.

During the trial Close denied that the novel contained obscene matter. He admitted there was a sex atmosphere but said that it was necessary to give a true picture of how characters behaved and acted in certain circumstances.

The entire novel was read to the jury during the proceedings.—Associated Press.

Reduction In Smuggling
Shanghai, Apr. 21. There has been a considerable reduction in smuggling cases in south China as a result of the implementation of the Sino-Hong Kong trade agreement, according to a Central Bank official, who has just returned from an inspection trip to the south, quoted by the semi-official United Credit Information Bureau.

The official said that with the co-operation of the British authorities, the Chinese Customs in south China recently seized a large amount of Chinese currency smuggled out of Chinese territory.

He, however, disclosed that the Chinese in both Canton and Hong Kong desired an increase in the maximum amount of Chinese currency—CN\$200,000,000—permitted to be carried by a traveller to South China from other parts of the nation.—Reuter.

FREDDIE MILLS WINS RIGHT TO MEET WOODCOCK

London, Apr. 20. By his victory in one round against Ken Shaw Harringay tonight, Freddie Mills, British and European light heavyweight champion, made a brilliant start to what can be regarded as the three hardest months of his boxing career.

The win means he will now challenge Bruce Woodcock for the British heavyweight title. His first Mills is to visit South Africa where he will meet Johnny Ralph, South Africa's heavyweight champion, next month, and then July he faces Gus Lesnevich for the American world title.

On tonight's display, Mills is apparently back to his best form, for, despite conceding 11 pounds in weight, he gave a devastating display of punching throughout the one round which the fight lasted.

Shaw was the first to attack but Mills soon measured him a blow dropped to his knees for count of three. He was obviously shaken, and a moment later Mills sent him down with a vicious punch, a left to the mouth, for count of nine.

Shaw was bleeding badly when he rose, and Mills halted to the referee's attention to the effect the official motioned the fight to go.

Shaw was now little more than a punching bag, and another right to the jaw put him down for another count nine. He rose to fight bravely, but Mills, in devastating form, sent in a barrage of blows, and Shaw was down again.

He rose just as the bell went to end the round and the referee then stopped the fight because Shaw's cut lip.

In a previous meeting between the two, Shaw retired with a cut lip.

Tonight, Shaw weighed in 13 stones seven pounds against Mills' 12 stones 1-3/4 pounds.

Boon Knocked Out
The French and European welterweight champion, Roby Villmain, gained a notable victory when he knocked out Boon, one of the contenders for the British title, in the 10th of last round of their welterweight contest on the Harringay programme.

It was soon apparent that Villmain carried the heavy punch and Boon took a shot in the fourth round.

Only on rare occasions afterwards did Boon land blows with any telling effect. Generally, he seemed too tired, and in the 10th round he took a count of nine before receiving the blow which sent him down for the full count.—Reuter.

Army Championships Tonight
The 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers will hold the Open Inter-Company and Individual Boxing Championships today at 8 p.m. at the Chifley Club Theatre.

The preliminaries were fought yesterday with some hard fighting, promising an exciting bill this evening.

Among those fighting is Fusilier Hull—ex-middle weight champion of Hong Kong in 1937, L. C. Burns, runner-up feather weight in the FARELF individual championships, fought off at Singapore last month.

Colony Basketball Reps.

Hong Kong basketball representatives to the National Athletic Meet at Shanghai on May 5 were chosen last night by a selection committee of cage experts appointed by the Hong Kong Basketball Association at a special try-out tournament held at the South China A.A. basketball court.

The six leading teams in the Colony were invited to play three games under the watchful eyes of the selectors.

The Black Cat quintet trimmed Chinese Athletic 30-22, while the Vipers took the second game, defeating the Native Bankers Guild 28-23, while the feature game saw the champion South China A.A. basketballers beat Kowloon Residents Association 30-22.

The All-Hong Kong team which will be led by Mr. Shum Shuk-ling as manager and South China A.A.'s Bill Woo as coach, will include the standout players from each of the six teams.

Fifteen players have been chosen to undergo an intensive twelve-day training session with the ten best to be chosen for the north. The team will travel to Shanghai by air on May 8.

The following players have been chosen for the final training period: Chim Sit-gon (South China), Luk Tak-chung (Chinese Athletic), Chan Sin-gut (South China), Chong Ling (Kowloon Residents Assoc.), Choy Tin-wah (Black Cat), Shek Chen-tak (South China), Lee Pui-wing (Black Cat), Ng Sin-chiu (South China), Lee cheuk-man (South China), Sun Ning (Kowloon Residents Assoc.), Cheung Shun-tung (Chinese Y.M.C.A.), Lo Chen-hoon (Chinese Athletic), Lee Sun-kee (Chinese Athletic), Ng Yin-fook (Bankers Guild).

RUGBY RESULTS
The following were the results of rugby games played today:

RUGBY UNION—Devonport Services 6 Gloucester 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE—Rothdale Hornets 10 Swinton 0.

SHIELD FINAL Today
This last game of the Victory Shield Football Competition between the Chinese Football Association and the Combined Services will be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m.

The following will represent the Combined Services: Wheeler (Navy), Craighead (R.A.F.), Brown (Navy), Anderson (R.A.F.), Farvin (Navy), Clarke (Navy), Hamilton (R.A.F.), Sewell (R.A.F.), Kierman (Indians), Bates (R.A.F.), Reservoir (Navy), Davies (Navy), Boulter (R.A.F.), Gillan (Navy), Kilbourne (Indians).

Team Managers—P. O. T. L. Whitman (Navy).

VERANDAH CRASH
The verandah of 24 Whitfield Road, second floor, Causeway Bay, collapsed about 9.30 a.m. yesterday, bringing down with it five boys who were playing on it at the time. One of the boys, aged about 10 years, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, while the other four were allowed to go home after treatment.

YAGRANT SEAMEN
William George, 30-year-old Negro, and Karl Backman, 23, both seamen, appeared at Central Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of being vagrants in Hong Kong.

Inspector R. Woodcock said that neither of the men had any money or belongings when they were taken to the House of Detention until a ship could be found for them.